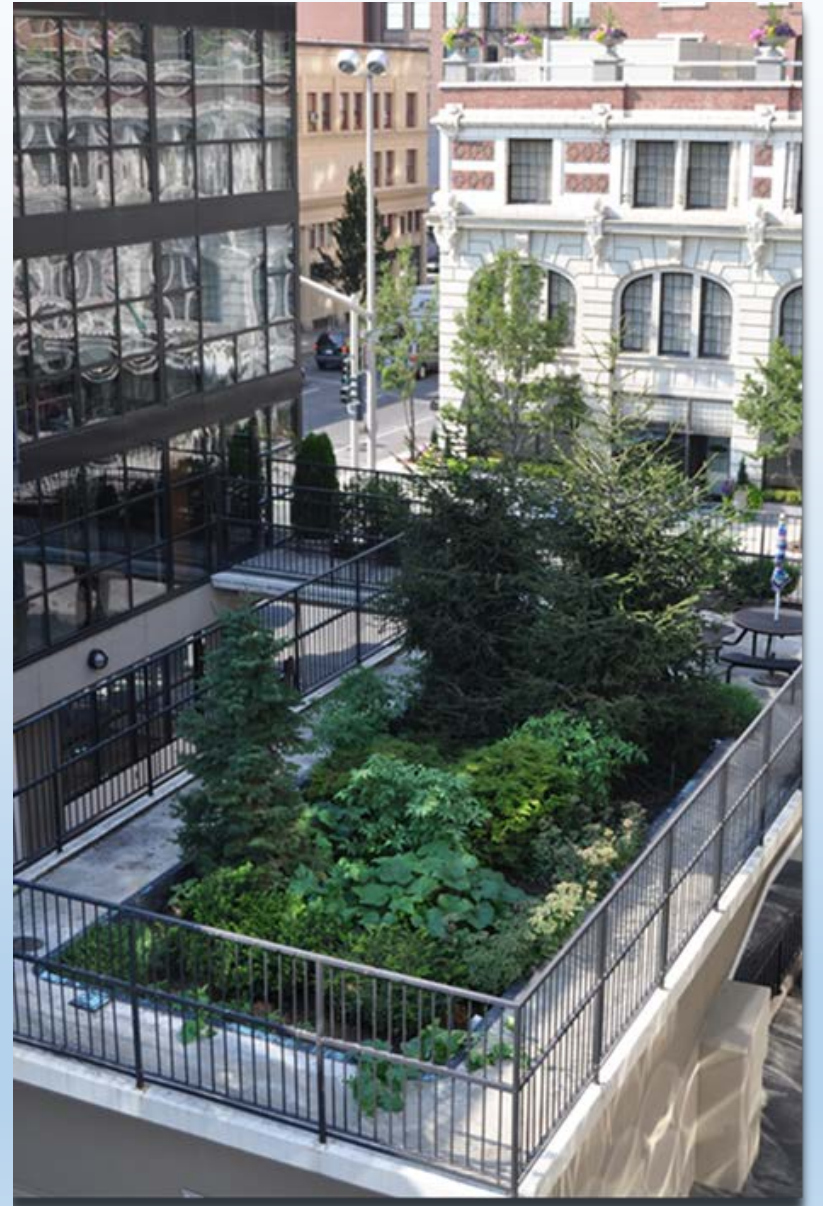


Building an Urban Agriculture Network

And Promoting Conservation in Urban
Spokane



The goals of
this project
are two-fold

- 1. We will build a network of people and organizations in the Spokane area that can expand the community's capacity to support and grow a sustainable urban agriculture system.
- 2. Through education and technical assistance, we will assist city residents in low income neighborhoods in learning how to sustainably develop and manage their urban market gardens, urban livestock operations and community and home gardens using accepted conservation practices scaled for use in the urban environment.

Regional Concerns

- 1. There are several neighborhoods in Spokane that are classified as food deserts or lack easy access to grocery stores and fresh food. This project will help train people to grow some of their own food for personal consumption and for marketing to their neighbors.
- 2. Currently, existing groups and individuals involved in urban agriculture are scattered and have limited resources. This project will network them together to create a group that can take this effort into the future
- 3. Mitigation of water and soil quality issues in the Spokane River and Latah Creek are critical to salmon recovery efforts downstream in the Columbia River.

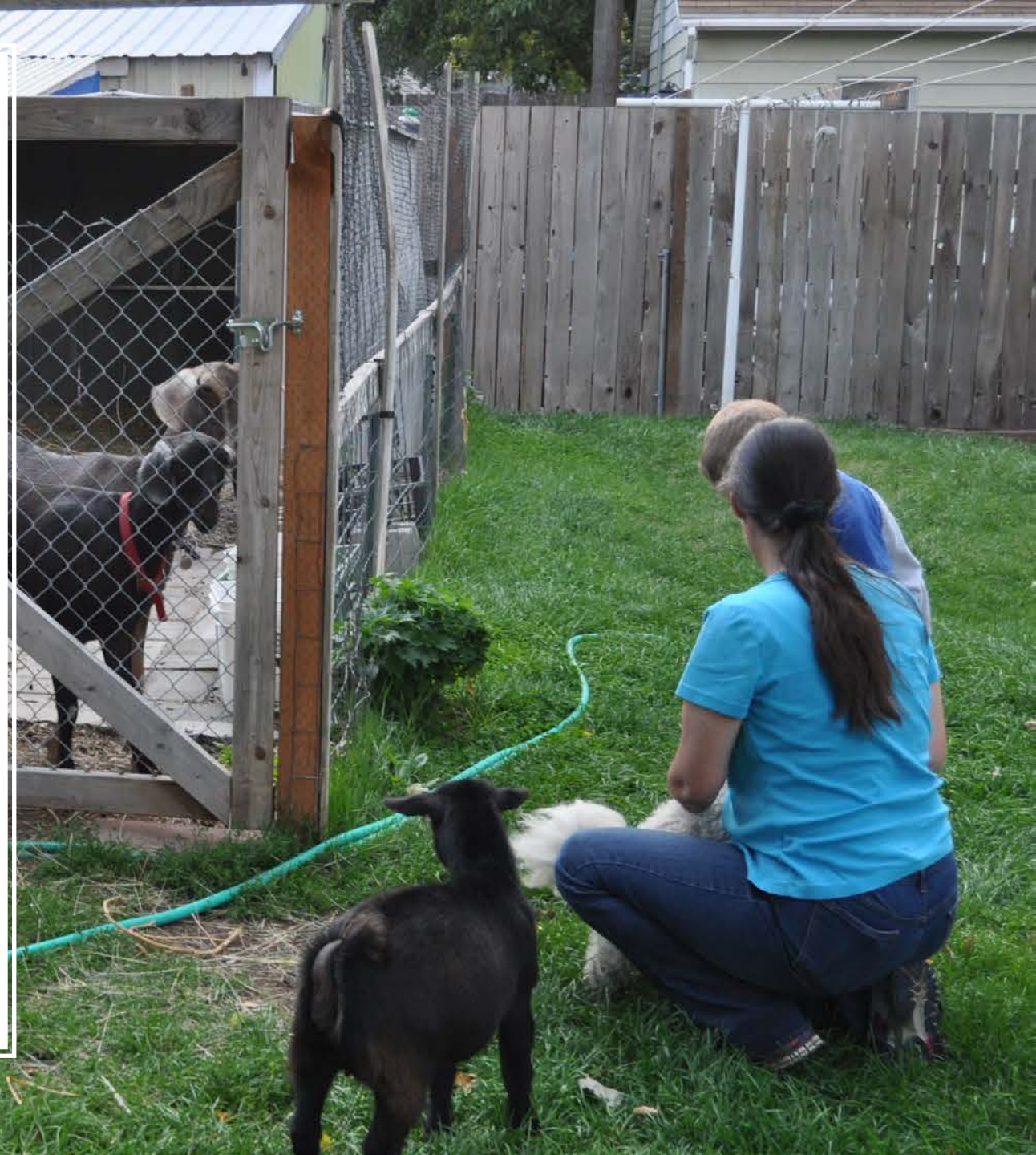


Community Strengths

- 1. City of Spokane is supportive of efforts to build an urban food system and has created ordinances that support the effort.
- 2. These are a number of community groups active in the urban agriculture arena that have been talking about creating a network for several years.
- 3. Organizations such as the Spokane Conservation District and Washington State University Spokane County Extension are widely respected and have the capacity and staff skills to lead this effort

What We are Doing

- Raising awareness of urban agriculture by hosting urban farm tours, community conversations and events on the issues
- Teaching community based classes on a wide variety of topics
- Creating a networking community that can help gather resources, share expertise and provide advocacy into the future
- Working with Project Hope's youth farming program to introduce conservation techniques and provide strategic support for soil sampling, farm plot design and hands-on education
- Spokane City Council will issue a proclamation for an Urban Agriculture Week May 14-20, 2017.
- During this week we will hold a variety of community events to promote urban agriculture





Conservation Best Practices We are Teaching

- Proper watering techniques
- Proper use of fertilizer and pesticides
- How to build healthy soil and reduce erosion
- Proper urban tree management
- Season extension techniques
- The use of conservation plantings to support beneficial and pollinating insects
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Community Supporting Partners



- Spokane Master Composters and Recyclers
- Inland Empire Beekeepers Association
- Spokane Community Garden Network/Associated Garden Clubs
- Spokane Food Policy Council
- Inland Northwest Permaculture Guild
- Whitworth University
- THEZONE Project
- City of Spokane
- Project Hope
- Spokane School District
- Washington State University Master Gardeners
- Edible Tree Project
- Spokane Permaculture Guild