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General promotion of community gardens	San Francisco	CA	Expand community garden opportunities throughout the City, encouraging a minimum of 100 community gardens to be established in the City by 1996.	General Plan	Board of Supervisors	San Francisco General Plan	San Francisco General Plan Policy 2.12	
	Seattle	WA	Community Gardens are part of Seattle Comprehensive Plan, within the "Open Space" goals	General / Comprehensive Plan	City of Seattle, Dept of Neighborhoods	Community Gardening Resolution, P-Patch Strategic Plan	Resolution 28610. Resolution 30194, City of Seattle Legislative Information Service, (Information updated as of June 6, 2008)	http://www.preventioninstitute.org/sa/policies/pdf/x/Seattle_p-patch.pdf
	Washington	DC	Built into Washington DC Comprehensive Plan	Comprehensive Plan	Food and Drugs Code	Food Production and Urban Gardens Program		
	Oakland	CA	Community Gardening policy within Oakland General Plan	General Plan	City of Oakland	Oakland General Plan OSCAR element	Oakland General Plan, Open Space	http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/StrategicPlanningSection/openspace.html
	Berkeley	CA	Community Gardens are part of city's General Plan policies and actions	General Plan	City of Berkeley	Department of Planning Open Space and Recreation Policy OS-8 (Also see Environmental Policy EM-34)	City of Berkeley, Planning & Development, General Plan	http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/contentdisplay.aspx?id=494
	Berkeley	CA	Recognize and encourage community gardens as a high priority use of open spaces resources, particularly in higher density residential areas. Actions include Land purchases, long-term leases, other agreements	General Plan	Planning & Development Department	Department of Planning Open Space and Recreation Policy OS-8 (Also see Environmental Policy EM-34)	City of Berkeley, Planning & Development, General Plan	http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/contentdisplay.aspx?id=494
	Portland	OR	Dedicated Sustainable Foods program in City of Portland Office of Sustainability	Program - Management, Acquisition	Office of Sustainability	Food Policy and Programs	City of Portland Departments, Portland Office of Sustainability, Sustainable Foods web page	http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=41480
	Sacramento	CA	Sacramento Strategic Plan explicitly recognizes the value of community gardens and supports municipal-nonprofit partnerships for implementation.	Strategic Plan	City of Sacramento	Partnerships Policy	Sacramento Strategic Plan Policy Statement 12.4	http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/masterplan/pdf/policy-revised.pdf
Specific promotion of community gardens	Cleveland	OH	"Urban Garden District" established as part of Zoning Code to ensure that urban garden areas are appropriately located and protected to meet needs for local food production, community health, community education, garden-related job training, environmental enhancement, preservation of green space, and community enjoyment on sites for which urban gardens represent the highest and best use for the community.	Zoning	City of Cleveland	Zoning Code 336.01 Urban Garden District	City of Cleveland Zoning Codes and Ordinances	http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/clevelandcodes/cco_part3_336.html
	Sacramento	CA	Reduce restrictive residential landscaping requirements. Allow diversified urban landscapes (annuals/perennials/ food gardens) in front yards .	Zoning	City of Sacramento	Front Yard Landscape Ordinance	Sacramento City Code Title 17 Zoning, 17.68.010-Landscaping Requirements	http://www.gcode.us/codes/sacramento/view.php?topic=17-iii-17_68-17_68_010&frames=on
	Oakland	CA	Support street closures for open space use in high-density residential areas	General Plan	City of Oakland	Oakland General Plan OS-2-6	Oakland General Plan, Open Space	http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/StrategicPlanningSection/openspace.html
	Escondido	CA	Interim Land Use Policy to make vacant land available for community benefit	Zoning Code - interim use amendment	City of Escondido	Interim Land Use Policy and "Adopt-a-Lot"	Jerry H. Van Leeuwen, City of Escondido, City Council Interim Land Use Policy, Sept. 2, 1998	http://www.preventioninstitute.org/sa/policies/pdf/x/InterimLandUsePolicy.pdf
	Providence	RI	As of 2008, plans to build urban agriculture into city comprehensive plan, with focus on supporting economic development in addition to health .	Comprehensive Plan, Zoning	City of Providence, RI	Comprehensive Plan	Farm Fresh Rhode Island Website	http://www.farmfreshri.org/learn/urbanagriculture_providence.php#approach

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Land acquisition	Saanich	BC, Canada	Include community gardens in park acquisition and development	Municipal Bylaws	Saanich Municipal Government	Council Policy on Community Gardens	District of Saanich, Municipal Bylaws and Policies: Council Policy on Community Gardens, March 2003 Ref: 03/CW	http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/municipal/clerks/bylaws/gardens.pdf
	Boston	MA	Zoning category within open space codes to preserve open space for community gardens	Zoning Code - special zoning districts	Boston Redevelopment Authority	Community Garden Open Space Subdistricts	City of Boston, BRA Zoning Code, Article 33: Open Space Subdistricts	http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra/pdf/ZoningCode/Article33.pdf
	Chicago	IL	City Council created nonprofit entity, funded jointly with municipal and private funds. Intergovernmental entity (municipal and private funds) "to own, lease, manage, or hold easements to small open spaces for development and maintenance by neighborhood groups. Power to acquire tax delinquent parcels.	Program - Management and Acquisition	City of Chicago Park District and Forest Preserve District	NeighborSpace	From info compiled by Lenny Librizi, ACGA Member, "Lessons from Community Gardening Programs in Other Cities" Workshop, March 20, 1999	http://neighbor-space.org/main.htm
	Madison	WI	City Support for Community Gardening Program. (City supports CAC with Funding from CDBG, help with land acquisition/tenure)	Program - Management	Community Action Coalition Garden Program (CAC)	Community Action Coalition Garden Program (CAC)	Community Action Coalition Website	http://www.cacscw.org/gardens/
	Madison	WI	Comprehensive Plan includes "protect existing community gardens in the City and establish additional areas for new community gardens"	Comprehensive Plan	Committee on Community Gardens	City of Madison Comprehensive Plan 2006, Objective 14	City of Madison Comprehensive Plan January 2006, Natural and Agricultural Resources Section 6 14: Community Gardening	http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/planning/comp/dplan/v1/chapter6/v1c6.pdf
	Oakland	CA	Commitment to zero net loss of open space in the city. Retain land-trust properties for open space, support open space acquisition and use of city-owned sites.	General Plan	City of Oakland	Oakland General Plan OS 2-3 through 2-5	Oakland General Plan, Open Space	http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/StrategicPlanningSection/openspace.html
	Saanich	BC, Canada	Re-zone existing community garden sites to Recreation and Open Space Zone	Zoning	Saanich Municipal Government	Saanich Zoning Bylaw 8200	http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/municipal/clerks/bylaws/zone8200.pdf#page=18	http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/municipal/clerks/bylaws/pdfs/zone8200.pdf
Land Tenure	Seattle	WA	Community Gardens are protected from development within the "Open Space" goals	General / Comprehensive Plan	City of Seattle, Dept of Neighborhoods	Community Gardening Resolution, P-Patch Strategic Plan	Resolution 28610. Resolution 30194, City of Seattle Legislative Information Service, (Information updated as of June 6, 2008)	http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~scripts/nph-brs.exe?s1=&s2=&s3=30194&s4=&Sect4=AND&=20&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESON&Sect3=PLURON&Sect5=RESN1&Sect6=HITOFF&d=RESN&p=1&u=/~public/resn1.htm&r=1&f=G
	Vancouver	BC, Canada	Policy to assist in the development of user agreements with the owners of sites (public or private) chosen for community gardens.	Bylaws	Vancouver Park Board: Parks & Gardens	Community Gardens Policy	Community Gardens Policy, revised Sept 19, 2005	http://vancouver.ca/parks/parks/comgardnpolicy.htm
	Victoria	BC, Canada	Policy to provide state lands and municipal supports (funding, water) to maintaining and developing new community gardens	Bylaws	City of Victoria Parks, Recreation and Community Development Dept	Community Gardens Policy	City of Victoria Community Gardens Policy, September 2005	http://www.victoria.ca/cityhall/departments_compar.shtml
	Portland	OR	Community Gardening protected in City Zoning Codes Parks and Open Areas	Zoning	Portland Parks & Recreation	Code of the City of Portland, Oregon.	Code of the City of Portland, Oregon. Title 33.920.460	http://www.portlandonline.com/planning/index.cfm?c=31612

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Management	Seattle	WA	Community Gardens management by Friends of P-Patch and acquisition by the P-Patch Trust	Program - Management, Acquisition	Friends of P-Patch	P-Patch	P-Patch website	http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/
	New York	NY	Program within City of New York Parks and Recreation Department for centralized management of community gardens and technical assistance	Program - Management	City of New York Parks and Recreation	Green Thumb	Green Thumb Website, ACGA website links to drafted comprehensive plan policy	http://www.greenthumbnyc.org/
	Portland	OR	City partners with organizations to jointly manage community gardening	Program - Acquisition	Friends of Portland Community Gardens	Friends of Portland Community Gardens	Friends of Portland Community Gardens Website	http://www.friendspdxgardens.org/index.htm
	Portland	OR	Community Gardening managed by City within Open Space requirements	Program - Management	Portland Parks & Recreation	Parks 2020 Vision	Parks and Recreation Website, 2020 Vision Plan	http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=40182
Quotas / Location	Oakland	CA	City to fund Community Garden Program and school gardens program within General Plan, supported by Office of Parks and Recreation	Program - management	Community Garden Program	Oakland General Plan OS 2-3	Oakland General Plan, Open Space	http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/StrategicPlanningSection/openspace.html
	Seattle	WA	Include community gardens in evaluation of priority use of city surplus property . Co-locate community gardens with other City priority projects such as affordable housing and public transit	Comprehensive Plan	City of Seattle, Dept of Neighborhoods	Community Gardening Resolution, P-Patch Strategic Plan	Resolution 28610. Resolution 30194, City of Seattle Legislative Information Service, (Information updated as of June 6, 2008)	http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~scripts/nph-brs.exe?s1=&s2=&s3=30194&s4=&Sect4=AND&I=20&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESON&Sect3=PLURON&Sect5=RESN1&Sect6=HITOFF&d=RESN&p=1&u=/~public/resn1.htm&r=1&f=G
	Madison	WI	Goal for Comprehensive Plan: 1 community garden for every 2000 households	Comprehensive Plan	Community Garden Committee	City of Madison Comprehensive Plan 2006, Objective 14	Community Action Coalition Website, Committee Reports and Proposals	http://www.cacscw.org/gardens/committee_reports.htm
	Saanich	BC, Canada	Establish one garden per "neighborhood"	Municipal Bylaws	Saanich Municipal Government	Council Policy on Community Gardens	District of Saanich, Municipal Bylaws and Policies: Council Policy on Community Gardens, March 2003 Ref: 03/CW	http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/municipal/clerks/bylaws/gardens.pdf
	Seattle	WA	Goal: 1 community garden for every 2500 houses	Comprehensive Plan	City of Seattle, Dept of Neighborhoods	Community Gardening Resolution, P-Patch Strategic Plan	Resolution 28610. Resolution 30194, City of Seattle Legislative Information Service, (Information updated as of June 6, 2008)	http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~scripts/nph-brs.exe?s1=&s2=&s3=30194&s4=&Sect4=AND&I=20&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESON&Sect3=PLURON&Sect5=RESN1&Sect6=HITOFF&d=RESN&p=1&u=/~public/resn1.htm&r=1&f=G
Equitable Access	Berkeley	CA	Expansion/outreach to emphasise low-income families or individuals, youth, elderly, physically challenged, other special populations	General Plan	Planning & Development Department	Department of Planning Open Space and Recreation Policy OS-8 (Also see Environmental Policy EM-34)	City of Berkeley, Planning & Development, General Plan	http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/contentdisplay.asp?id=494
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