**What is it?**

A Community Garden is a single piece of land gardened collectively by a group of residents.

Urban Farms are plots of land or areas of space where food is grown, either in soil, hydroponically, or even on a rooftop.

For example, NYCHA could offer residents small plots or a larger site to garden, or similar to the Red Hook Houses pilot, community members could come together to advocate for larger scale urban farm onsite.

**Benefits**

- Local source of healthy produce
- Can decrease gardeners’ food budgets
- Provides a community gathering space and learning environment
- Job creation, workforce development, and skill building
- Beautifies the neighborhood, captures storm-water and improves air quality
- Therapeutic benefits for gardeners

**Challenges**

- Finding a proper site and gaining access to the land or roof may be difficult.
- Some types of farms / gardens can require significant up front costs to develop.
- A farm may require outside expertise for training and farm management.
- Community members will need to identify the farm/garden model that is best for them – for example a “community farm” or individual plots.

Above photo- La Familia Verde, Bronx, NY

Above photo- Sky Vegetables Rooftop Greenhouse, Forest Homes, Bronx, NY.

Above photo- East New York Farms, Brooklyn, NY.