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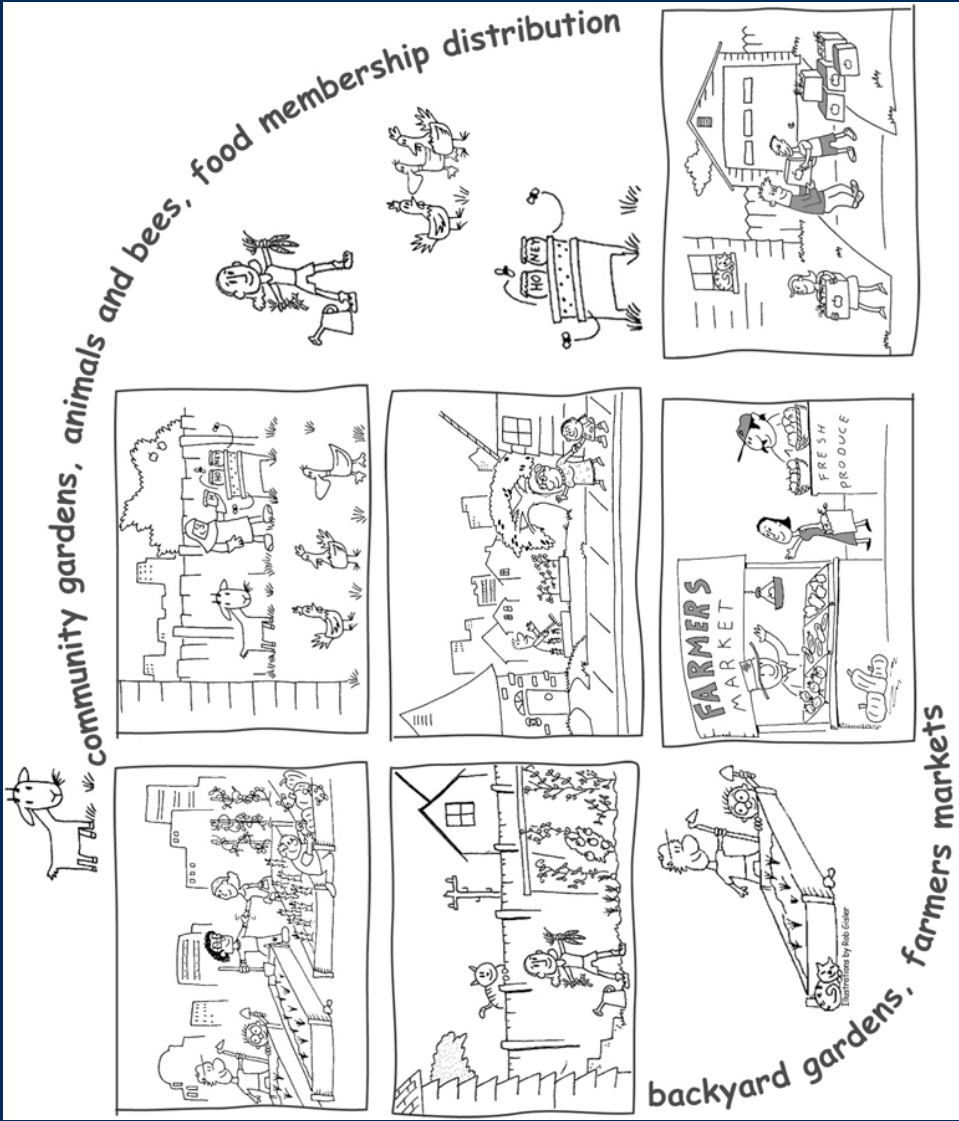
Urban Food Zoning Code Update Project

Planning and Sustainability Commission- Staff Briefing

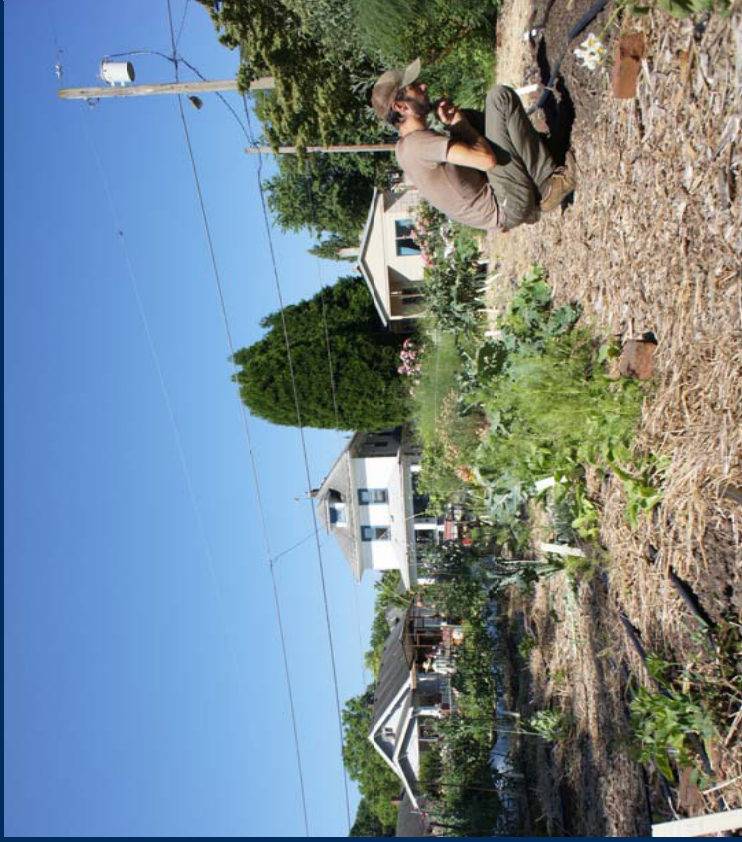
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Topic Areas



Market Gardens



Growing food (left) and selling produce (right) at a farmstand in Ariadne's Garden, located in NE Portland



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Market Gardens



Fargo Forest Garden, run by the
Urban Farm Collective



Blue House Greenhouse Farm

(both sites located in North Portland)



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Market Gardens

What's the problem?

- Existing zoning code rules address industrial farming instead of small-scale growing operations
- Unclear policies around growing/selling food in residential & institutional areas



Growing CSA shares in NE Portland, operated by Project GROW



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Market Gardens

Project direction:

- Allow market gardens in more locations, including institutional sites (schools, religious organizations, medical centers)
- Ensure compatibility with residential areas by limiting the size allowed by right to 5,000 square feet
- Explore if it is appropriate to selling produce from sites where it is grown in residential areas



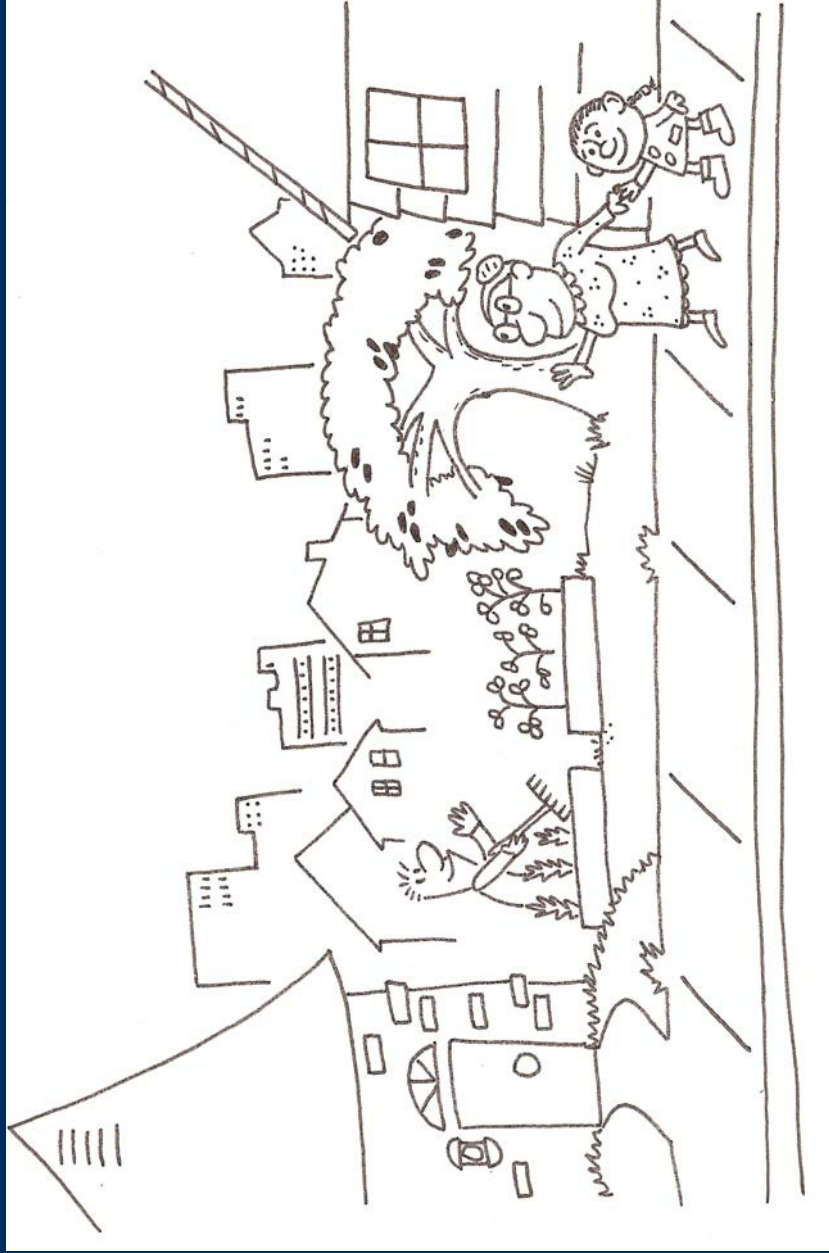
Mercy Corps Northwest New American Agriculture Project (NAAP) in East Portland



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Community Gardens



Urban League Harvest Garden: an intercultural, intergenerational gardening space for the African and African American community

Emerson Community Garden, located on a narrow city lot in NE Portland

(Credit: Urban League of Portland)



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The Seeds of Harmony Garden
at New Columbia neighborhood

Credit: Janus Youth Programs

Kennedy Community Garden,
operated by Portland Parks &
Recreation

(both sites located in North Portland)



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Community Gardens

What's the problem?

- The Zoning Code does not currently define them
- New rules should consider the many types of community gardens



Holy Redeemer Catholic
School garden in N.
Portland



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Community Gardens

Project direction:

- Continue to allow community gardens in all zones, but explore appropriate regulations that address the various types and sizes
- Ensure they are well-integrated & beneficial to the neighborhood



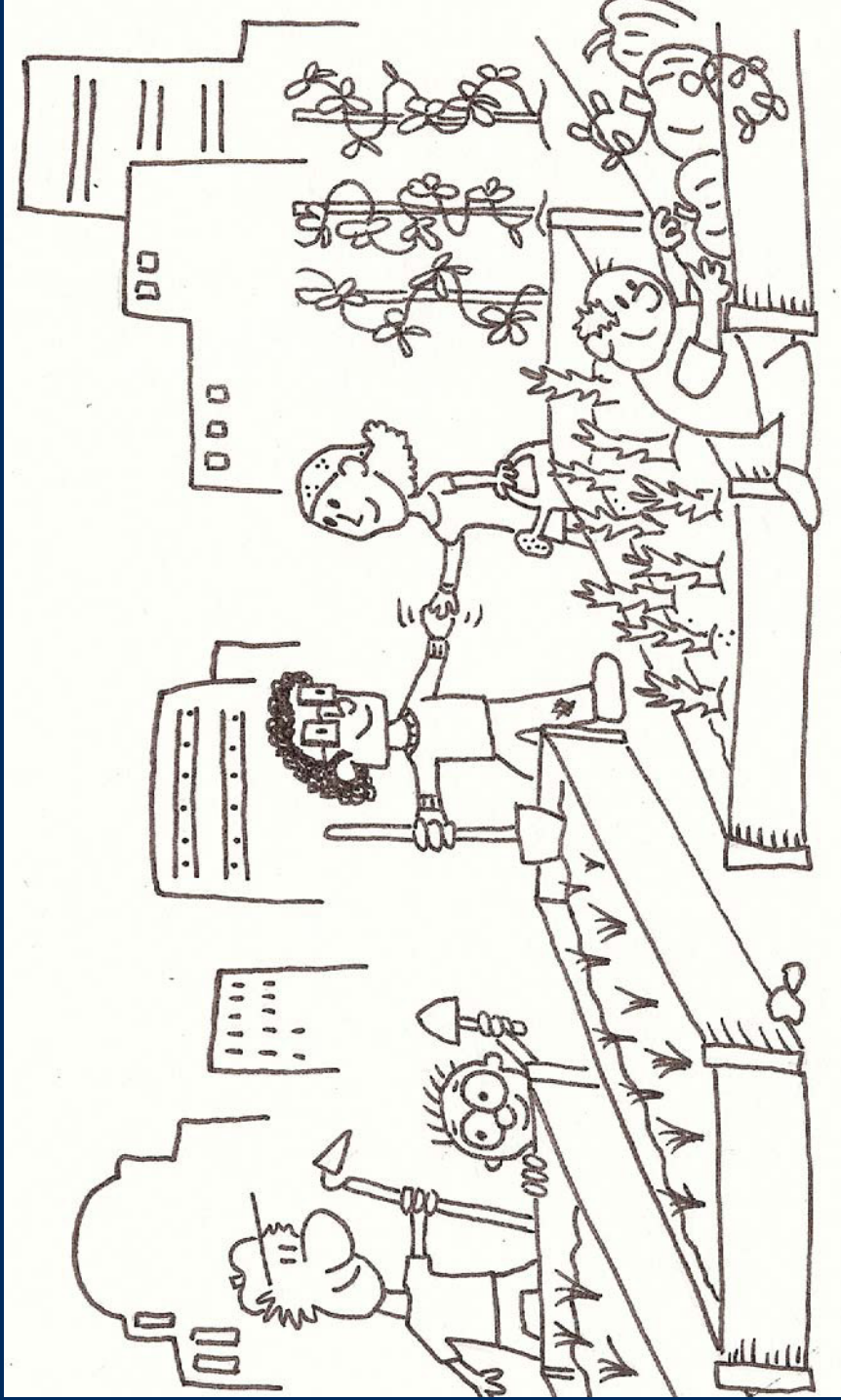
Earl Boyles Community Garden in East Portland



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Farmers Markets



King Farmers Market in NE Portland



Lents International Farmers Market in East Portland

(Credit: Zenger Farm)



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Farmers Markets

What's the problem?

- The Zoning Code does not currently define them
- Farmers markets on churches/schools are not clearly addressed by current rules



People's Farmers Market in SE Portland



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Farmers Markets

Project direction:

- Create definition(s) and new regulations that allow farmers markets to be sited throughout the city
- Traffic, noise, characteristics of the market (size, duration, customer base) must be considered in new rules



People's Farmers Market in SE Portland



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Food Membership Distribution Points



Pick up from a food buying club at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in North Portland



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Food Membership Distribution Points

What's the problem?

- They are not currently addressed in the Zoning Code
- Increased neighborhood traffic causes the most concern



Food buying club pickup
site at Holy Redeemer
Catholic School



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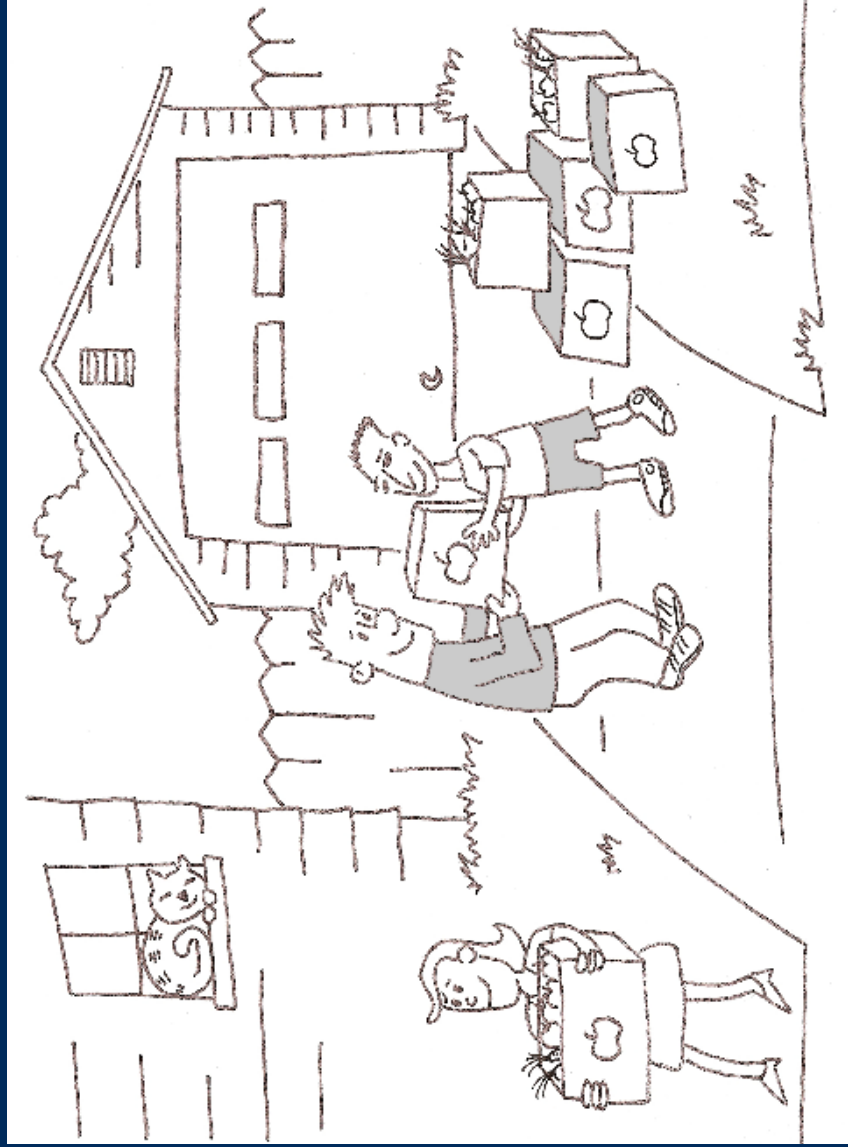
Food Membership Distribution Sites

Project direction:

- Allow them in commercial zones and where light industry exists
- Consider allowing sites with fewer members to operate in residential areas with appropriate regulations that protect the livability of the surrounding area



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Animals and Bees



Front yard goats at Sowing
Circle Farm in NE Portland



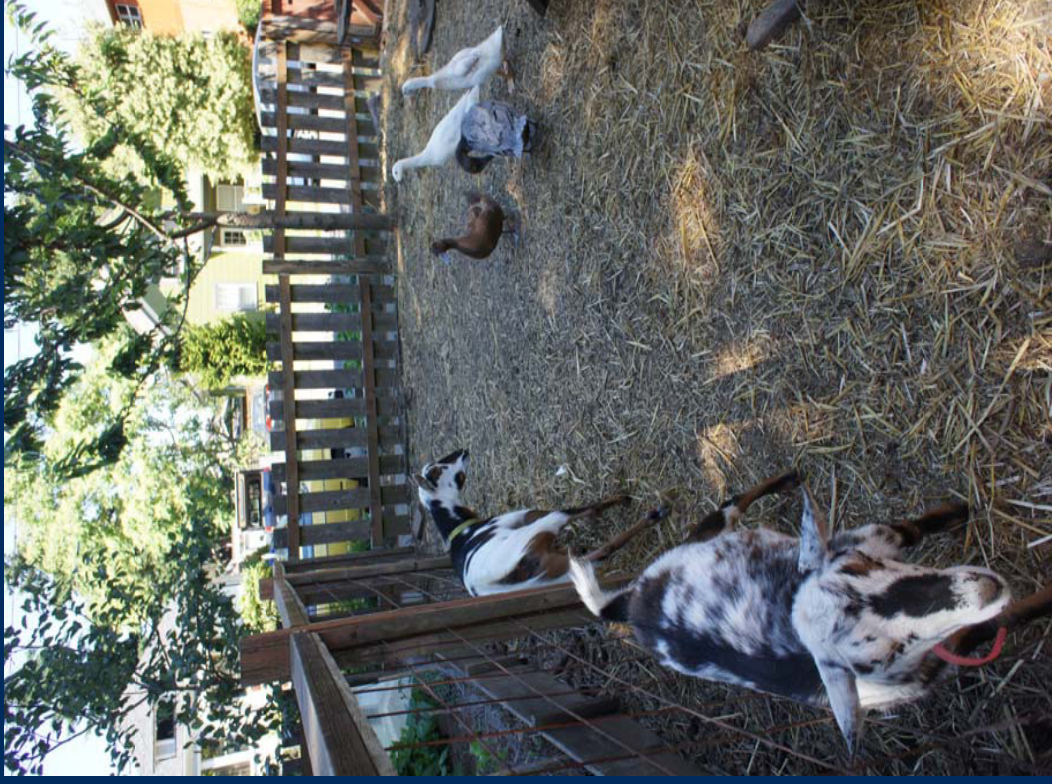
Chickens in a shared backyard
space among neighbors



Animals and Bees

What's the problem?

- Animal regulations should be clarified
- Neighbor approval for beekeeping may be too stringent



Goats and ducks at Sowing Circle Farm



Animals and Bees



Project direction:

- Clarify & resolve minor problems with existing rules
- Modify the neighbor ‘sign-off’ requirement for beekeeping
- Increase the number of animals allowed from three to four

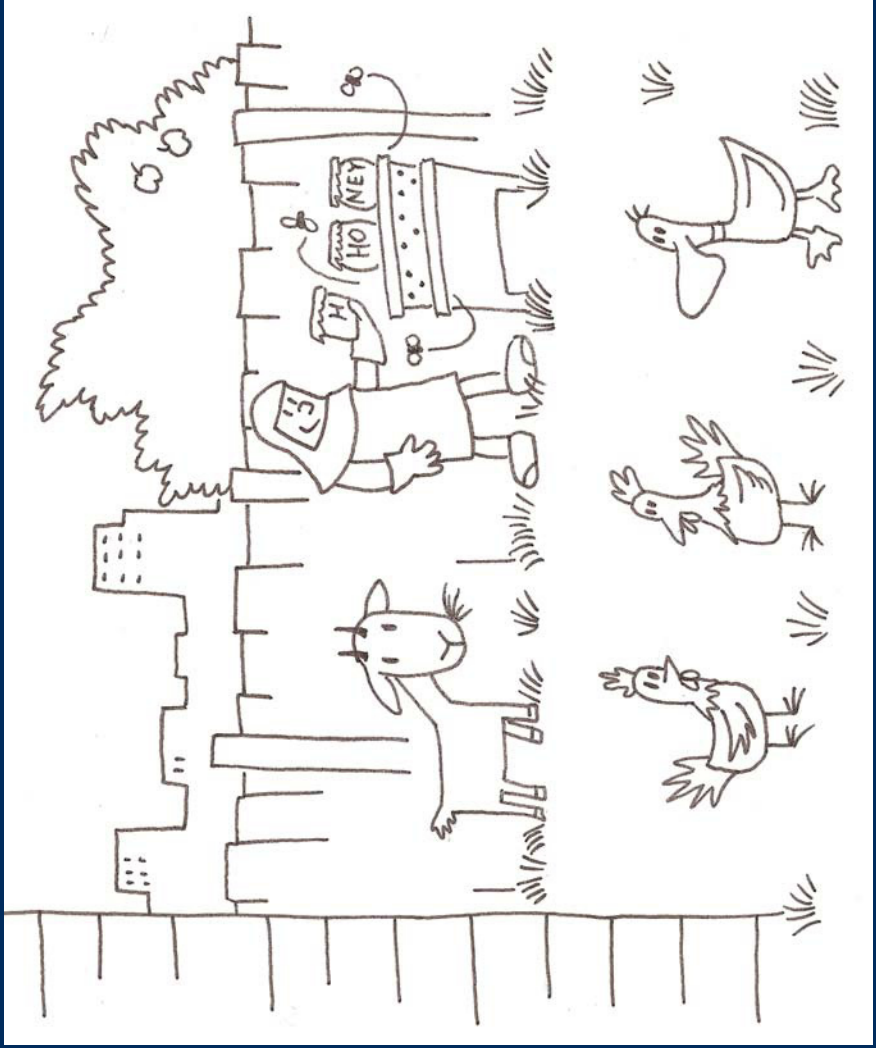
Backyard beehives



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Next Steps

- Complete public review on Concept Report and publish summary end of August;
- Develop proposed code language (working with Project Advisory Group and technical advisors) this fall;
- Publish proposed code language and provide opportunities for community to review and comment;
- Publish Report to the Planning and Sustainability Commission and hold public hearing (tbd=February)

