

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue : The challenges and prospects of urban agriculture

A wide range of urban agriculture initiatives exist in a variety of contexts. The following goals and practices form the basis for action: green urbanism, ecology and biodiversity, environmental education, social development, food self-sufficiency and security, poverty elimination, the improvement of living and housing standards. For cities of the South, urban agriculture serves primarily as a means of sustenance or local trade. For cities of the North, it is used to bring aid or to test new practices and is often the result of actions by community-based groups. In either situation, the question of their real contribution remains open. What assessment mechanisms and instruments can be applied to determine their scope and relevance with regards to environmental, social and food-related concerns?

The purpose of this special issue of *Revue Environnement Urbain / Urban Environment Journal* (<http://www.vrm.ca/cyber-revues.asp>) is to bring together papers discussing different aspects of urban agriculture. They can draw on a wide range of research, such as examining a particular case, undertaking a comparative study, reviewing a policy, or critically assessing programs and action plans. Papers can also address land-use conflicts, explore the development of discourses, representations and practices, as well as organisational processes and structures, territorial arrangements, stakeholder involvement, field experiences in different countries and settings, etc.

Abstracts must be submitted by Jun 1, 2011 and sent to the journal's editor. The deadline for submitting the final paper is September 15, 2011. All correspondence regarding manuscripts will be handled by e-mail at EnvUrb@ucs.inrs.ca.

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