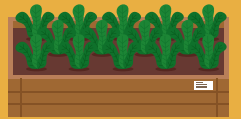
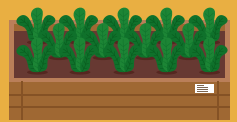


SMALL & URBAN FARMS IN RHODE ISLAND

Strengthen local economies Increase food security Improve climate resilience



- Grow crops that will be sold locally
- Include community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponic facilities
- Cultivate, process, and distribute agricultural products



Meet community needs for food, health, education, and greenspace



Create opportunities for economic mobility in low-income neighborhoods

WHY ARE SMALL & URBAN FARMS SO IMPORTANT?



Opportunity for outdoor physical activity improves physical and mental health and reduces stress, anxiety, blood pressure, and muscle tension



Help the environment by reducing rainwater runoff, enhancing air quality and biodiversity, and reducing carbon footprints



Provide space for people to come together, strengthen bonds, and build community cohesion

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT SMALL & URBAN FARMS?

RI FOOD
POLICY
COUNCIL



Support HB 7684/SB 2335. This legislation modernizes RI agriculture programs that were passed over 30 years ago to support large and rural farms. It creates similar and much needed tax relief for small and urban farms.



Support HB 7550/SB 2496. This legislation provides funding for continued urban and rural farmland preservation.