

Natural Resources Conservation Service



#### **Urban Working Group Updates**

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# **NV NRCS Urban Working Group**

- Committee Consist of 10 Members & 3 NRCS Staff
  - Jasmine Wilson-State Urban Conservationist
  - Trina Johnson-State Program Specialist
  - Max Kittel-Natural Resource Specialist (Urban Planner and POC for Northern Nevada)
  - Members are agricultural producers who are within urban/suburban setting located throughout the state of NV.





# **NV NRCS Urban Working Group**

- Most recent meeting held on Oct. 7, 2024
  - Urban working group goals and objectives
  - Available funding sources
  - Round Table Discussion
  - People's Garden Initiative





# **NV NRCS Urban Work Group**

- Challenges and priorities were discussed
- NV NRCS Urban definition developed
- Future Goals:
  - Upcoming meeting will discuss Urban fund pool ranking questions for upcoming fiscal year
  - State Conservation Innovation Grants-discuss what priorities we'd like to see address with State CIG



# **Urban Ranking Pool for FY 2025**

- Ranking Fund Pool has been moved from draft to its final approval.
- 100,000 fund pool designated for urban in Nevada.
- 620,000 has been designated for CIG.
- Approx. 1 million in funding is available from the People's Garden Initiative through Urban Ag. and Innovative Production (UAIP)





## **Future Urban Updates**

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) will have a 100,000 fund pool coming soon.
- Creating Urban Agwebsite for Nevada
  - Adding links to urban fund pools and other funding opportunities
  - Specific Nevada resources for urban agricultural





#### **Top Practices Requested From Producers**

- Container farming components
  - Actual structure/pods
- Solar Panel assistance for powering indoor/container farm
- Hydroponic systems and components
  - Lighting, water filtration system, nutrient system, Al technology, substrate for seedlings, etc.
- Rainwater Harvesting Structures
- Composting
- Greenhouses





#### **Top Practices Requested From Producers**

- Water Harvesting Catchment (636)
  - Assembly Bill number 138 was passed in 2017.
  - Specifically for Livestock but we are working on getting approved for crop irrigation.
- Soil Carbon Amendment (336)
  - Includes compost and biochar supplementing for soil amendment.





## **Practices with Small Scale Scenario**

Alley Cropping	Irrigation Water Management
Brush Management	Irrigation Land Leveling
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Composting Facility	Livestock Pipeline
High Tunnel System	Prescribed Grazing
Conservation Cover	Range Planting
Conservation Crop Rotation	Nutrient Management
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	Pest Management Conservation System
Soil Carbon Amendment	Herbaceous Wind Barriers
Cover Crop	Salinity and Sodic Soil Management
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Field Border	Structures for Wildlife
Wildlife Habitat Planting	Raised Beds
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	Low Tunnel Systems
Sprinkler System	Organic Management





## **High Tunnel**

### Wildlife Habitat Planting





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