



## SUMMARY

This document identifies opportunities to enhance the City of Lauderdale Lakes’ proposed Comprehensive Plan Policies and Objectives in the Future Land Use Element and the Recreation & Open Space Element. With some minor modifications, the City’s proposed policies could advance healthy food access with greater social equity.

## EXISTING POLICIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Lauderdale Lakes Proposed Policy	OPPORTUNITIES
<p><b>Future Land Use Element</b> Goal 1: Any food policy within the Future Land Use Element must foster the following outcomes expressed in the Element :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community identity,</li> <li>• Citizen interaction and community pride,</li> <li>• Protect and enhance the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Lay a policy foundation and rationale for food access within the Land Use Element.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Include Broward County’s definition of Urban Agriculture as a recognized land use activity, which provides a broad spectrum of food access activities such as growing, and selling (distribution) of food:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>“Urban agriculture or urban farming is the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing food in or around a village, town, or city. Urban agriculture can also involve animal husbandry, aquaculture, agroforestry, urban beekeeping, and horticulture.”</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Include section on Future Land Use Benefits with Food Access Objectives such as:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>“Future land uses such as Urban Agriculture shall enhance the ability of Lauderdale Lakes’ residents to have access to (and can afford to buy) safe, nutritious, convenient and culturally acceptable food produced<sup>1</sup>. The purpose of enhancing food access is to build community and its resiliency : to increase and enhance community interaction through the growing and exchange of healthy foods, produce stress relief from tough economic times, and provide a sense of ownership in the community, while generating positive, productive civic spaces such as farmers markets and community gardens.”<sup>2</sup></i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Adopt Broward County’s Land Use Plan Policy 3.2.5 as a guiding principle for incorporating food access into the Future Land Use Element: <i>“Local governments should</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> This first part of the policy is from the 2007 Waterloo (Ontario, Canada) Food System Plan.

<sup>2</sup> This section is adapted from the 2014 City of Lauderdale Lakes’ CRA Plan.

	<i>consider the identification and elimination of “food deserts” when making land use policy and decisions.”</i>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element</b>  <b>Policy 1.1.1</b>  Each parcel of land within an area which is designated “Residential” by the City Land Use Plan must be included in a zoning district that permits one or more of the following uses: Dwelling units, Community facilities, Public utilities, Streets, Offices and/or Neighborhood retail.</p>	<p><b>I.</b> Within this Policy, permit scales and intensities of Urban Agriculture appropriate to the residential land use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single Family food gardens: Permit home food production that uses up no more than 60% of the front yard space. Limit to food production for personal use, not distribution-sales.<sup>3</sup></li> <li>2. Multifamily food production: Include Urban Agriculture activities such as community gardens as community facilities.</li> <li>3. Neighborhood Grocers: Provide incentives that encourage culturally appropriate small and midsize grocery stores (e.g., 3,000 to 20,000 square feet) and farmers markets to be located within reasonable biking/walking distance to concentrations of residential land uses.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element</b>  <b>Policy 1.1.2</b>  Each parcel of land within an area which is designated “Commercial” by the City Land Use Plan must be included in a zoning district that permits one or more of the following uses: Neighborhood, community, regional and highway retail and wholesale uses, Office and business uses, Hotels, motels, and other tourist accommodations, Parks and Recreation, Community facilities, Utilities, transportation and communication facilities, Residential uses</p>	<p><b>I.</b> Commercial areas are centers of employment. Therefore, these are areas where residents may access food for grocery shopping, lunch and entertainment. To meet their food access needs, include food access points such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Larger grocery stores (40K+ Sq. feet)</li> <li>2. Mobile Food Vendors</li> <li>3. A proportion of restaurants that provide healthier food options.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element</b>  <b>Policy 1.1.6</b>  Each parcel of land within an area which is designated “Community Facility” by the City Land Use Plan must be included in a zoning district that permits one or more of the</p>	<p><b>I.</b> Allow community-building food access uses such as community gardens, urban farms, and farmers markets within Community Facilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide incentives and express goals for expedited permitting for food access activities at Hospitals, Civic</li> </ol>

<sup>3</sup> Adopted from the City of Orlando’s Sec. 60.223, One-Family and Two-Family Residential Development Standards for front food production:  
[https://librarystage.municode.com/fl/orlando/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TITIICICO\\_CH60SULA\\_PT2LATRPR\\_2FOMITMIRELARE\\_S60.223OMITMIREDEST](https://librarystage.municode.com/fl/orlando/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIICICO_CH60SULA_PT2LATRPR_2FOMITMIRELARE_S60.223OMITMIREDEST)

<p>following uses: Schools, churches, hospitals, governmental administration, police, and fire stations, libraries, civic centers, courts, nursing homes and governmentally sponsored residential-care facilities for the elderly and/or handicapped. Also permitted in areas designated for community facilities are parks and recreation facilities.</p>	<p>Centers, Courts and Nursing Homes, and similar uses to to host farmers markets.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Collaborate with IFAS to provide technical assistance for community gardens/urban farms within parks and</li> <li>3. Recreational facilities.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element Policy 1.1.11</b> Each parcel of land within an area which is designated “Local Activity Center” (LAC) by the City Land Use Plan shall be in conformance with the following criteria: balanced mix, walkable, orientation toward public transit systems, integration of housing, employment, shopping and recreation at the neighborhood level, rehabilitation or reuse of historic buildings.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Emphasize and promote food markets as an essential component to balance LACs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Healthy food options at transportation nodes.</li> <li>2. Walkable food destinations from housing and offices.</li> <li>3. Healthy food shopping opportunities at various scales: mobile market, small grocer, and mid-scale grocer.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element Policy 1.2.1</b> Lauderdale Lakes and the CRA shall continue to develop and implement programs to encourage redevelopment and reuse activities within identified blighted and deteriorating areas.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Implement the 2014 Lauderdale Lakes CRA plan regarding sections on food access projects. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Food Business Incubator/Food Industry Cluster a the CRA-owned vacant site located at the southwest quadrant of Oakland Park Boulevard and N.W. 31st Avenue (also known as Tarragon Site and Commerce Park) (2014 CRA plan, Pages 50-52) .</li> <li>2. Replication of Project #9 Community Garden/Urban Farm at the Ireland Property (Page 44 of the 2014 CRA plan).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Future Land Use Element Objective 1.3</b> The City of Lauderdale Lakes shall support the State’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote energy efficiency and conservation through the development and implementation of local policies and programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Adopt policies that recognize how local food production and walkable access to food reduces the greenhouse gases and Food Miles<sup>4</sup>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt Broward County’s Climate Change Element Policy 19.8.9 : <i>“Broward County, in conjunction with its municipalities, should create programs and policies which encourage and support composting, community garden networks and local food production, in order</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<sup>4</sup> See this document for the rationale behind reducing Food Miles: <https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/download.php?id=281>

	<p><i>to meet the multiple goals of reduced emissions and energy consumption, while increasing the resiliency and long term food security of the community.”</i></p>
<p><b>Recreation &amp; Open Space Element Goal 1</b>          Ensure the provision of adequate parks, recreational facilities, and open space that meet the recreational and leisure time needs and interests of all current and future Lauderdale Lakes’ residents.  <b>Policy 1.1.1</b>          The City shall continue to maintain and retrofit existing recreation sites and facilities so that they are accessible to the elderly and the disabled, consistent with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). New sites and facilities shall also be designed consistent with the ADA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Promote and retrofit Community Gardens in parks with universal design that allow access for all persons, especially those with disabilities.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examples for ADA Universal Design can be acquired from this source: <a href="https://adata.org/universal-garden">https://adata.org/universal-garden</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Recreation &amp; Open Space Element Policy 1.2.5</b>  <b>By 2011, the Parks and Recreation</b> Department shall consider developing and using population based recreation facility standards for use in determining detailed future facility and/or equipment needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Adopt a population standard for the number and scale of local food production sites (community gardens and urban farms) per population.</li> <li>II. Adopt a Community Garden Plan and Business Plan for sites within parks.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Portland Examples: <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/475507">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/475507</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/473894">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/473894</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul>