

**What:** Community Garden Social Impact Assessment Toolkit

**Keywords:** community gardens, social capital, dialogue / partnership  
community, neighborhood, community building, food shelves, local businesses, community organizing

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**Who:** Keith Miller, an RA at UMN. Prepared for CURA.  
For community garden leaders, gardeners, urban communities, people interested in starting a community garden

**Why:** To support community gardens in assessing their social impact.

**How:** Very useful because it is a toolkit that can be used with community gardens across the state. Credible because it has been implemented and has worked, according to the quotes in the toolkit.

On a scale of 1 (not very well) to 4 (very well): How well does this source of food knowledge...?	Number
Engage an adequate range of perspectives and types of knowledge (fill in the boxes to create bar graphs)	2
Translate between diverse perspectives	1
Address conflicts across perspectives	1
Generate useful information for those affected by the issues addressed	4
Include an adequate range of relevant stakeholders throughout the knowledge-creation process	2
Help users of this knowledge source learn from each other	4
Allow users of this knowledge source to put what they learn into action	4
Consider the larger context as necessary	3

What has been done with this or could or *should* be done with it?

What is useful, meaningful, surprising, or a problem? Questions?

The fact that this toolkit is used to assess the impact of a community garden on a community is important and meaningful, because it's a crucial part of the follow up after a community garden has been established.

What connections could made to other information/people/organizations?

Community Gardens, Community Food Organizing

Connect it to the Anna Bierbrauer's report on Urban Farming (on the CURA website) as part of a learning module

**Where to find it:** <http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/catalog/npcr-1349>