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Portland Community Health and Sustainability Resource Hub

Website proposal

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A virtual community resource hub, grounded in public facing community agriculture sites, can facilitate community health and sustainability. Currently the City of Portland's [community webpage](#) provides links to health and public services, but there are no community or agriculture resources listed.

The city of Burlington, Vermont maintains a robust [community support hub](#) featuring an array of community engagement activities promoting both individual and community health. It features a [community gardens web page](#) offering activities and resources for gardeners.

The city of Seattle's [community resource hub](#) also has information and links to a variety of civic, cultural and recreational opportunities and events in the city. It features neighborhood based "[P-Patch Gardens](#)" that promote the uniqueness of each community garden and provides a structure for their self-management.

An urban agriculture, health and sustainability resource hub could build out from the current community webpage, or it could originate from the Portland Citizen [Self Serve page](#). The main partners could include:

Portland Public Health

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/224/Public-Health>

Assist in monitoring and maintaining healthy and thriving community spaces

Portland Parks and Recreation

Facilitate use of public spaces with an eye towards place making, food security, and community health and well-being.

Portland Sustainability Office

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/1890/Sustainability-Office>

Portland Public Library

<https://www.portlandlibrary.com/>

- Maintain a "special collection" of resources and information on community assisted agriculture.

- Link garden sign-up and membership with library card
- Maintain list of community garden member
- Host seed bank

Self-Service Portland.

https://selfservice.portlandmaine.gov/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home

Readings

Civic signals

<https://www.theverge.com/2021/1/13/22228208/social-networks-public-spaces-civil-signals>

Front Porch Vermont

<https://frontporchforum.com/>

<https://newpublic.org/signals>