

Urban farming project pushed

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Local government units (LGU) in Metro Manila are intensifying campaigns at self-sufficiency by encouraging their constituents to take up urban farming.

In Quezon City, LGU officials visited floodprone areas, particularly Barangay Bagong Silangan, just a day after Christmas to oversee ongoing farming projects.

A seven-hectare plot of land in the barangay has been earmarked for the planting of vegetables that would benefit residents in the area.

Bagong Silangan is adjacent San Mateo, Rizal, and lies near the path of Marikina River, which is known to overflow during times of calamity.

During the onslaught of typhoon “Rolly,” water from the Marikina River flooded huge areas of the barangay.

The urban farming program is one of the projects of the QC government that is expected to help absorb floodwater in the area during the rainy season.

Other available open spaces are being eyed to be devoted to the LGU’s farming project.