

## URBAN FARMING IN MUNTINLUPA AND QUEZON CITY

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The local governments of Quezon City and Muntinlupa promoted urban or backyard farming by providing seedlings and teaching technical skills to their residents.



As early as 2010, Quezon City started the “Joy of Urban Farming” program, which was intensified during the pandemic. It called for the establishment of the Quezon City Food Security Task Force, which led to initiatives on food security. Under the project, resident gardeners in model community farms in one barangay may offer seedlings in exchange for those produced in other barangays.

In November this year, Muntinlupa City launched its “City Demo Farm,” the first hydroponics system operated by a local government unit in Metro Manila. It features a landscaping area with organic fruits and vegetables as well as agricultural technologies and systems, which can be viewed by the public to get educated on hydroponics and be inspired to replicate such systems in their communities.