The Rise, and Rise, of the Urban Garden (and Farm) Land Trust

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The Spread of Urban Agriculture Land Trusts...
...and the Spread of Community Land Trusts
Why Trusts Make Sense

- Affordability
- Permanence
- Division of Labor
- Expertise
- Advocacy
- [Community control]
Ownership Models

• Ownership by trust
  – NeighborSpace, NYC garden land trusts
• Public ownership, managed by trust
  – Athens Land Trust (Athens, GA)
  – Southside Community Land Trust (Providence, RI)
• Private ownership, managed by trust
  – Urban farm collective (Portland, OR)
• Conservation easement owned by trust
  – Neighborhood Gardens Trust (Philadelphia, PA)
Governance Models

• Conservation land trust model vs. CLT model
• Board structure
  – Civic leaders but not gardeners
  – Gardeners on board
  – Gardener role in electing board
• Other governance roles for growers
  – At Garden/Association Level: NeighborSpace
  – Advising: Neighborhood Gardens Trust