

SECONDARY-LAND USE GUIDELINES: URBAN FARMS



Urban farming is permitted as a secondary-land use on energy ROWS. This is a cheat sheet for farming in a Georgia Power ROW. The **licensure agreement** and Georgia Power Website are [additional resources](#). The Urban Agriculture Coordinator with [Groundwork Atlanta](#) will help farmers navigate these guidelines and grow!



- Access roads must be 16’ and will not be maintained by Georgia Power once there is a farmer.
- A 25’ setback must be maintained around all transmission towers.
- One vehicle per farmer or gardener is permitted to be parked on site during standard operating hours.



- Water meter and back-flow provided for pilot properties through an OoR grant.
- Farmers must pay for additional irrigation lines from the meter to field crops and water usage.
- Water lines must be 5’ inside the edge of the ROW.
- Farmers work with Groundwork Atlanta Urban Agriculture Coordinator to show irrigation lines on [forms and plans](#).
- Wells are prohibited in the ROW.
- Farmer must gain approval from required agencies in charge of removal of water from creeks or streams.



- Maximum height of crops is 15’
- Height of a trellis is not to exceed 10’
- Small animal husbandry is permitted (so long as it complies with non-permanent structures etc)
- Apiary’s or bee hives on the ROW are not permitted, however pollinator habitat plants are.
- Additional information can be found [here](#).



- Georgia Power will permit non-permanent structures (ex: greenhouse, storage shed, wash station) that are no larger than 12x12x 12 from ground level.
- These must be as close to the edge of the ROW as possible, at least 25’ from GP equipment.
- These cannot be permanently attached to a foundation, and must be movable.
- Farmers should work with GWA Urban Agriculture Coordinator utilize the locations where such structures have been approved in the site plan, or work with GWA to complete an [encroachment application](#) for new structures.



- Deer fences are permitted - maximum height is 12’
- Fences cannot be within the 25’ setback of GP equipment and towers.
- GWA Urban Agriculture Coordinator can assist with [GP forms for fencing](#).



- Once the licensure is signed for a ROW, Georgia Power stops maintaining the site, and the farmer is responsible for site maintenance.
- GP will not pay for farm infrastructure or management (ex: raised beds to access roads), but will provide the land.
- Sustainable agriculture practices, compliant with Certified Naturally Grown practices, as well as the Bee City Resolution are required, composting etc.
- Community and educational events shall be permitted 9AM to 5PM.