

Factors Influencing the Provision of Food Production  
Spaces in New Multi-Unit Residential Developments in  
Toronto and Vancouver

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are a number of societal benefits associated with urban agriculture, such as increasing the sense of community and promoting improved access to fresh produce. Despite its growing popularity, one of the key barriers, especially for apartment or condominium dwellers, is the lack of access to open space or backyards. While certain municipalities are encouraging urban food production in multi-unit residential projects through policy, there is generally a lack of understanding around the factors that influence the provision of food production spaces from the developers' perspective. Therefore, the study's key objective is to identify ways of enhancing urban agriculture initiatives as well as better understand the enabling and hindering factors for developers. In order to investigate this topic, the study was focused around these three research questions: