Urban Soil Health Program – Handout

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website: http://wordpress.iaswcd.org/for-districts/statewide-initiatives/urbansoilhealth/

Soil Health Background & Soil Health Practice planning resources

NRCS Soil Health

o https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/

NRCS Unlock the Secrets of the Soil

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/soils/health/

NRCS Soil Biology

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/biology/

Building Soils For Better Crops

https://www.sare.org/resources/building-soils-for-better-crops-3rd-edition/

CCSI Soil Health Philosophy

 https://3432922d-867a-478b-b76ec25104113af6.filesusr.com/ugd/5eec36_bc50b1da835849abac36334acd692978. pdf

NRCS Urban Farming

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0OaU4RnIB4

USDA Urban Ag. Toolkit

o https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/urban-agriculture-toolkit.pdf

USDA Urban Ag.

https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/urban-agriculture

• EPA Urban Agriculture

https://www.epa.gov/agriculture/agricultural-crops#UrbanAgriculture

• Marion County SWCD - Soil Health Guide

o https://marionswcd.org/soil-health-guide/

Midwest Cover Crop council - https://mccc.msu.edu/

- Cover crop selector tool https://mccc.msu.edu/selector-tool/
- Managing Cover Crops Profitably https://mccc.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ManagingCCProfitably.pdf
- Cover crops field guide

SARE

- o Resources & Learning https://www.sare.org/resources/
- Crop Rotation on Organic Farms https://www.sare.org/wp-content/uploads/Crop-Rotation-on-Organic-Farms.pdf

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- No-Till Veggies
 - o http://notillveggies.org/
- ATTRA publications
 - o https://attra.ncat.org/publications/
- Web Soil Survey
 - o https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm
- NRCS FOTG
 - o https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/
- Urban Soil Health Evaluation Video Explanations USHER program
 - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLveWDgbh5ujHGFv6zV24JTGTWLkgII7a
- Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities Cornell
 - https://blogs.cornell.edu/healthysoils/
- Garden Safe, Garden Well
 - https://www.mapmyenvironment.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Garden-Safe-Garden-Well-1.pdf

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