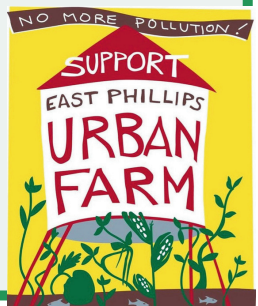
EAST PHILLIPS INDOOR URBAN FARM UPDATE

In November, the City offered EPNI half of the building, and just over half of the site for a reduced price: 4.19 acres for $6.125 million.

The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute is still waiting to hear back from the City of Minneapolis regarding a letter sent after two community meetings.

In the letter, EPNI requested that the City:

- Sell the northern half of the parking lot at no additional cost
- Provide a temporary use agreement to allow staff to farm on the parking lot beginning March 1, 2026
- Give EPNI the right of first refusal to purchase the northern portion of the site in the future
- Commit to a community engagement process to define what the City's intended land use will be
- Determine whether the City can commit to not disturb the foundation of the northern portion
- Pay for remediation of the full site
- Provide EPNI the rights to build climate infrastructure on the northern portion (solar, geothermal)
- Provide EPNI Tax Increment Financing and other City funding tools to reduce the cost of the purchase
- No Demolition of the northern part of the building