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ADVISORY – TOMORROW – Allegheny County – Agriculture Secretary to Announce \$500,000 Investment to Increase Sustainability, Equitable Opportunities, Support Urban Farmers and Break Down Barriers to Accessing Fresh Food in Cities Across Pennsylvania

Wilksburg, PA – Tomorrow **Lt. Governor Austin Davis** and **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will announce 21 **Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants** totaling \$499,480 for projects addressing long-standing challenges urban farmers face in growing local, farm-fresh produce in cities across Pennsylvania.

Lt. Governor Davis and Secretary Redding will make the announcement at The Mill in Wilksburg, where Landforce will put a \$40,500 grant toward equipment to increase efficiency in production of biochar – a soil enhancer made of wood waste from urban tree removal.

WHO:

Lt. Governor Austin Davis
Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
Landforce CEO Dr. Ilyssa Manspeizer

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 12 p.m.

WHERE: Landforce Mill, 210 Thomas St., Pittsburgh PA 15221

RSVP: Press interested in attending should RSVP to aginfo@pa.gov

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