Rooftop Beekeeping at the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) Central Administrative Office

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) entered into a one-year contract with Susan Brown, Aplanist (Beekeeper), to provide equipment, supplies and services for three beehives on the rooftop of the W. Andrew Boss Building/Central Administrative Office.

Urban beekeeping fits within the PHA’s green initiatives efforts and the CAO is the best site option for the rooftop beehive project. Ms. Brown estimates that the PHA’s three beehives will produce approximately three gallons of honey per hive. She will collect and process the honey through Mademoiselle Miel, her company located in downtown Saint Paul, and return the finished honey to the PHA. Staff is considering several options for making the honey available to residents, or other uses consistent with the PHA’s mission.