

What is Terakee Farm and Why Would You Want to Live Here?



When you think about a planned community development, it is likely that streets lined with identical homes come to mind. **Agri-communities offer a different take on the typical suburban development, bringing a fresh approach to the way a community is designed, built and lived in.**

The easiest way to understand the concept of an agri-community is to compare it to a golf course community. Instead of designing residential space around a golf course, residents enjoy plenty of open space and an onsite organic farm.

Agri-communities are not a new concept in the United States. The idea was floating around as early as the mid 1800s according to *Modern Farmer*. Several developments with a similar concept have been brought to life over the decades, including Village Homes, which was built in the late 1970s in Davis, California. Agritopia in Gilbert, Arizona is one of the more popular agri-communities in the country today, and has been around and thriving for more than 15 years. Again, the concept behind Terakee Farm is nothing new.

According to Smithsonian Magazine, **“Americans have romanticized farming since the country began.”** **With that in mind, it really is not surprising that many people are looking for a way to accommodate the draw towards the agrarian lifestyle that many of our ancestors enjoyed, while still satisfying our desire for modern conveniences.** An agri-community offers an ideal solution, allowing residents to balance these wants with daily

necessities.

Renowned architect and urban planner, Andres Duany, has remarked that this sort of community design is the way of the future. Mixing small-scale agriculture with urban living will promote a sustainable lifestyle, which, if done correctly and on a large enough scale, could have a huge impact on the health of the planet in the future.



Terakee Farm will be Utah’s first agri-community, bringing this progressive concept to Weber County in 2017. The goal is to provide a unique and highly desirable living opportunity to residents, while supporting educational opportunities in urban farming and agri-community development to benefit the future of Weber County.

“We are creating something new and providing a desirable lifestyle, not just another residential development,” says Brad Blanch, the developer of Terakee Farm. “We want to promote a healthy, community-oriented living environment, while still protecting and preserving the ecology of the area.”

Terakee Farm has been thoughtfully designed to promote the wellbeing of the entire community, which includes the people who live here as well as the native wildlife and the land itself. We pride ourselves in taking the ecological preservation of the area into account in our design, and plan to work with local and government organizations to ensure our design is as sustainable and carefully implemented as possible.

Some of the benefits of living at Terakee Farm include:

- less driving and more walking, running, or biking daily thanks to the close proximity of necessary amenities within the community
- Residence diversity with a variety of home styles and lot-sizes available to accommodate individuals in different stages of life
- Lots zoned for additional dwelling units, allowing elderly or disabled relatives, or older children to live nearby while maintaining their independence
- Smaller sidewalk to porch distances, allowing neighbors to have casual porch-to-porch conversations
- Protection of onsite ecology. Plenty of open space, some of which will focus on the preservation of native plants and the protection of animal habitats
- Preservation of the agricultural and historical integrity of the land
- Availability of fresh, organic produce grown onsite
- An environment where neighbors know and help one another
- Support of small businesses with several lots onsite zoned for commercial business use
- Onsite businesses that residents at Terakee Farm and all of Weber County can enjoy
- Partnerships with local universities to provide educational resources for future use
- Thoughtful utilizations of open spaces to ensure that they are all maintained efficiently