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THE TALKING FARM

"The Talking Farm," a project by the Food Policy Council, is launching a pilot mini-farm this spring at Twiggs Park. The Talking Farm is a non-profit organization that aims to grow food that stays within the Evanston community, ensuring a reliable, healthy food source and connecting residents to the food they eat. Carolyn Zezima, president of the Talking Farm, says the mini-farm is the first on-the-ground stage toward the Talking Farm's vision of becoming a 2-3-acre site, with half the land for farming and the other half for a center with a kitchen and classrooms for education and job training.

Ms. Zezima says the mini-farm will focus on growing vegetables but will also have related ornamentals and fruit. It will have a small barn, living fencing, compost and sustainable practices and will be an image of the future Talking Farm.