



# Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

## Local Food Action Plan Implementation Update February 16, 2015

Visit the Park Board website at: [vancouverparks.ca](http://vancouverparks.ca)

# Local Food Action Plan Timeline

1985

First community garden established in Strathcona Park

2004

**Vancouver Food Policy Council** formed

2005

**PB Community Gardens Policy** adopted

2006

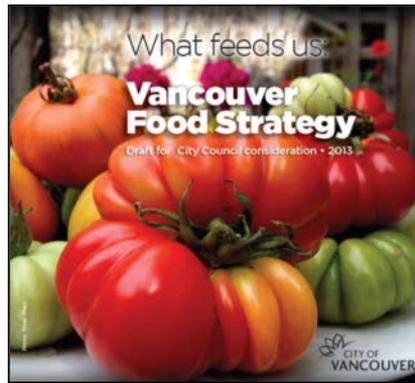
**2010 Challenge** proposes 2,010 new garden plots by 2010

2007

**Vancouver Food Charter** adopted by Council

2011

**Greenest City 2020** Goal 10: Local Food adopted



MAY 2012

PB Strategic Framework

AUGUST 2012

First meeting of the Park Board Local Food Task Force

JANUARY 2013

Vancouver Food Strategy adopted by Council

JULY 2013

Adoption of the Park Board Local Food Action Plan

OCTOBER 2014

Adoption of the Healthy City Strategy by Council



- Community gardening
- Collaborative and shared gardening
- Educational, arts, and culturally focused gardening
- Fruit and nut trees
- Hobby beekeeping
- Pollinator gardens and infrastructure
- Permaculture projects
- Edible landscaping
- Urban farming



# New Growth: Community Gardens and Fruit Trees



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

COMPLETED/  
APPROVED

## FRUIT TREES DISTRIBUTED

**2014**

8 GARDENS  
180 PLOTS

79 TREES

**2013**

3 GARDENS  
132 PLOTS

170 TREES

**2012**

4 GARDENS  
103 PLOTS

133 TREES

- *collaborative gardens*
- *native pollinator gardens*
- *honeybee apiaries*
- *orchards*
- *public art*

◀ FRASERLANDS COMMUNITY GARDEN  
RIVERFRONT PARK (2014)

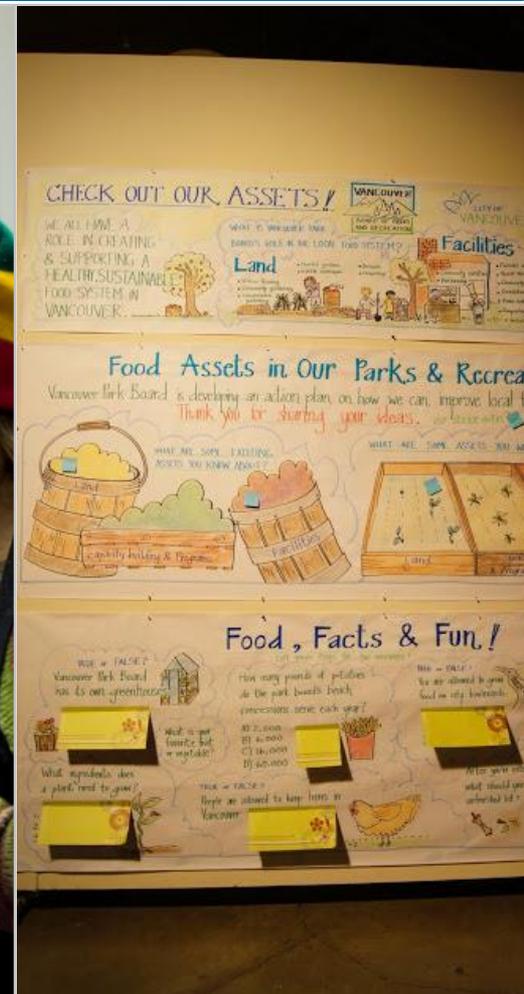
# Food Programming in Centres



*Sustenance Festival Map with participating Centre programming – over 60 workshops & events throughout the city*



*Cheese making workshop offered by David Asher of Black Sheep School of Cheesemaking*



*"Check Out Our Assets" event at the Roundhouse, 2013.*

# Selling Local Food in Parks

## CONCESSION OFFERINGS

- *Successful 2013 summer pilot selling healthier local choices - 14 beach concessions involved 2014.*

## FOOD CARTS IN PARKS

- *11 vendors in 15 sites across on beach sites that sell fruit, beverages, and other prepared goodies.*

## FARMERS' MARKETS

- *Infrastructure improvements*
- *Community food market pilot at Grandview Park*





# Food Assets Management

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## Your Government

- Vancouver City Council
- Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- Citizen involvement
- ▾ Get government information
- Bylaws
- Vancouver's most referenced bylaws
- Freedom of Information

## Community food assets data



Ask. Tell. Connect.

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**July 8, 2013** - Released two community food assets datasets. The City tracks the number of community gardens, food trees, farmers markets, and community food markets, among others, to gauge the state of local food systems. While these assets are located within city boundaries, and some are on City and Park Board lands, the vast majority are not administered by the City of Vancouver, and have come to fruition through the dedicated work of many residents and community organizations.

This dataset is maintained manually and data comes from the City of Vancouver or from the specified managing organizations. Data is available in XLS and CSV formats and is refreshed every six months.

- View the community food markets and farmers markets dataset
- View the community gardens and food trees dataset



## RESEARCH & ASSET MAPPING

- *Greenest City Scholars*
- *Open Data Catalogue*

## EXISTING COMMUNITY GARDENS

- *Community garden agreements*
- *Liaison responsibilities*
- *Infrastructure improvements*

## STAFF COORDINATION

- *Cross-departmental collaboration*

# What's Coming in 2015-2016



## COMMUNITY CENTRE KITCHENS

- *Infrastructure improvements*



## OUTDOOR BAKE OVEN

- *Beaconsfield Park & Italian Cultural Centre*



## FIELDHOUSE RESIDENCIES

- *Norquay & Strathcona Parks*



## FARMERS' MARKETS

- *Tenure & continued support*

# What's Coming in 2015-2016



## **CENTRE STAFF SUPPORT**

- *Build and support a network of programmers and partners to enhance delivery of food focused programming at community centres*

## **POTENTIAL GARDEN PROJECTS**

- *McBride Park*
- *Riley Park*
- *Small garden sites*

# Community Partners



neighbourhood food networks



VSB



community centres



community gardens



vancouver food policy council



farmers' markets

