



Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program Update

Park Board Committee Meeting
January 11, 2016





Community Connections & Placemaking



Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Project – 2008



The Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) supports projects which actively involve people in:

- building neighbourhood connections
- and local community identity
- while improving parks or other public spaces



Street Art Mural at Ontario and 18th Street – 2014



Objectives of the NMF:

- Facilitate community development,
- Create community connections across differences,
- Support community in the expression of the character of their neighbourhoods,
- Encourage community stewardship of park land and public spaces.

Community Connections & Placemaking



Britannia Potato Farm - 2012





Sweat Equity + NMF Investments =
Real Rewards



Sweat Equity + NMF Investments = Real Rewards



- The Vancouver Park Board matches contributions made by the community through:
 - volunteer labour (valued at \$15/hr.)
 - donated professional services
 - in-kind donation of supplies
 - and other funds raised
- The Neighbourhood Matching Fund is not a grant.
- The Fund reimburses community groups for necessary expenditures.

Sweat Equity + NMF Investments = Real Rewards



Many projects are approved for \$4,000-\$6,000



Maximum funding per project is \$10,000

- Interested Community groups apply to the fund.
- There are two deadlines, Spring and Fall of each year.
- Funding decisions are made by a Community Advisory Committee.



NEIGHBOURHOOD
matching fund



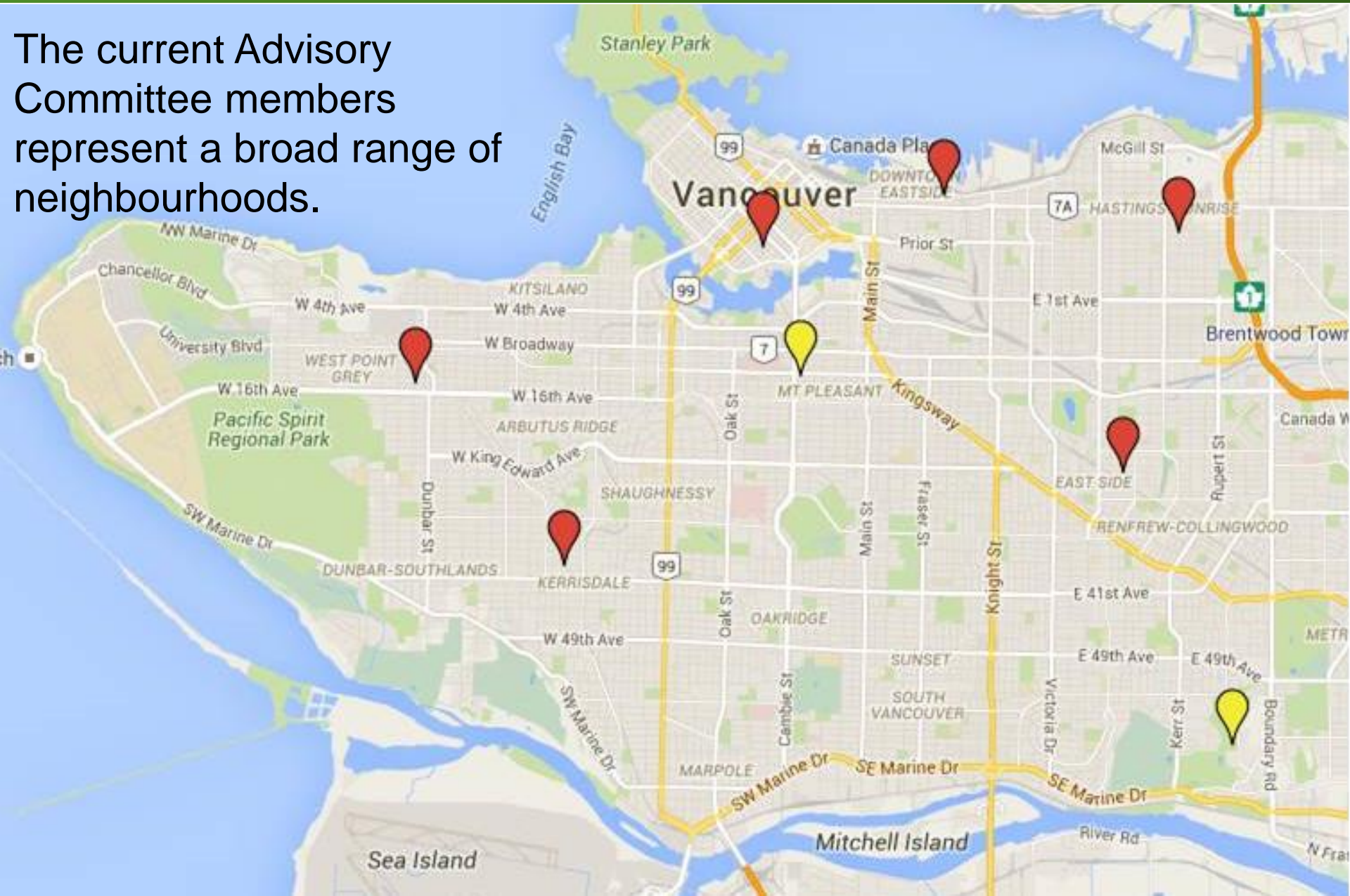
Community Decision-Making: Advisory Committee

- The Advisory Committee has 8 members:
 - Committee member terms are 4 years.
 - A Park Board Commissioner Liaison sits as a non-voting member of the committee.

- Advisory Committee members:
 - Together, represent a wide variety of Vancouver's diverse communities and different neighbourhoods
 - understand and have experience with community organizations
 - are residents of Vancouver

Community Decision-Making: Advisory Committee

The current Advisory Committee members represent a broad range of neighbourhoods.



Community Decision-Making: Advisory Committee



2015 Committee Members: Keiko Honda, Terry Hunter, Sita Kumar, Ilana Labow, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Esther Moreno, Dr. V. Setty Pendakur, Brenda Waechter

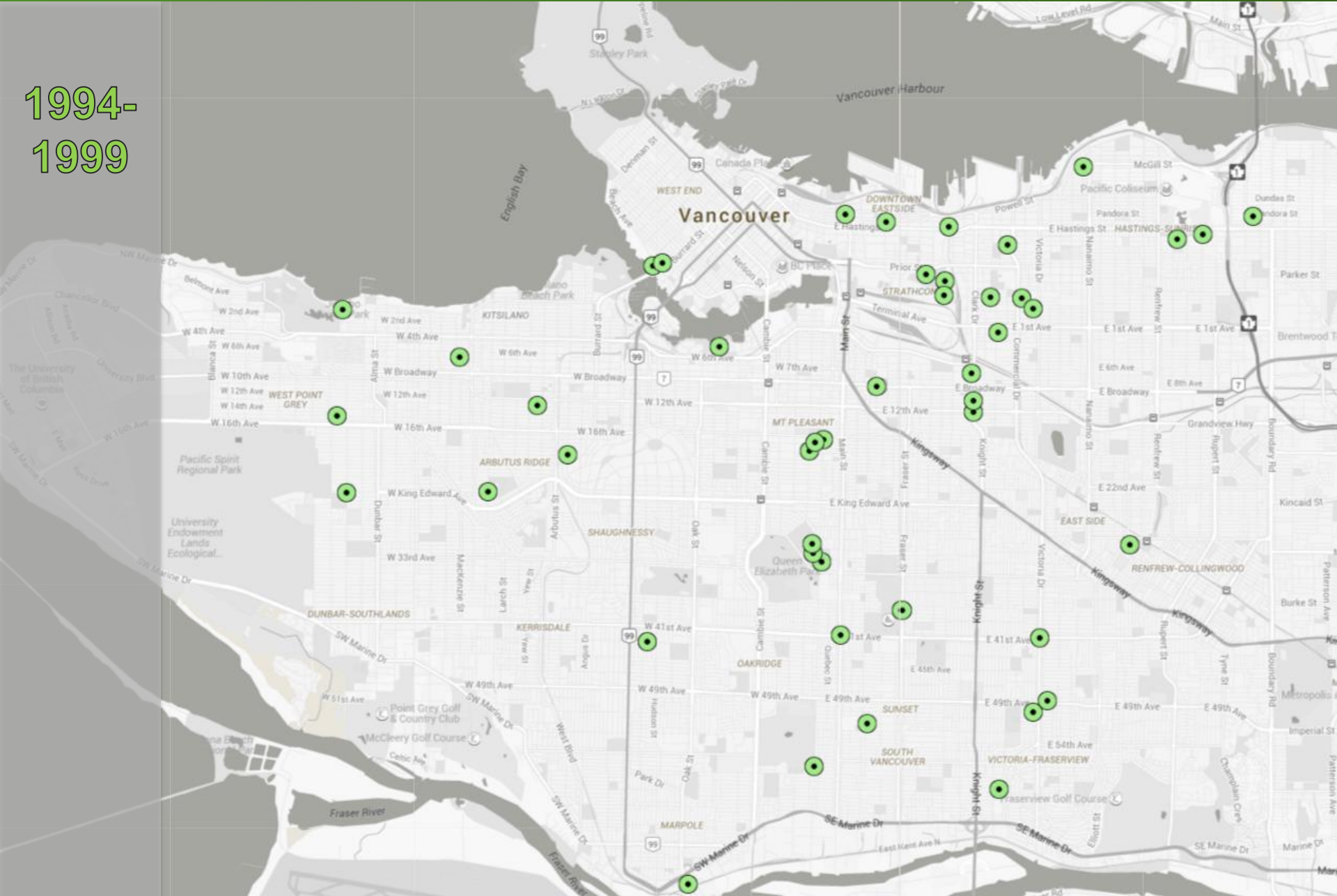


A Commitment to Leadership in Supporting Communities



Project Locations - First 5 Years

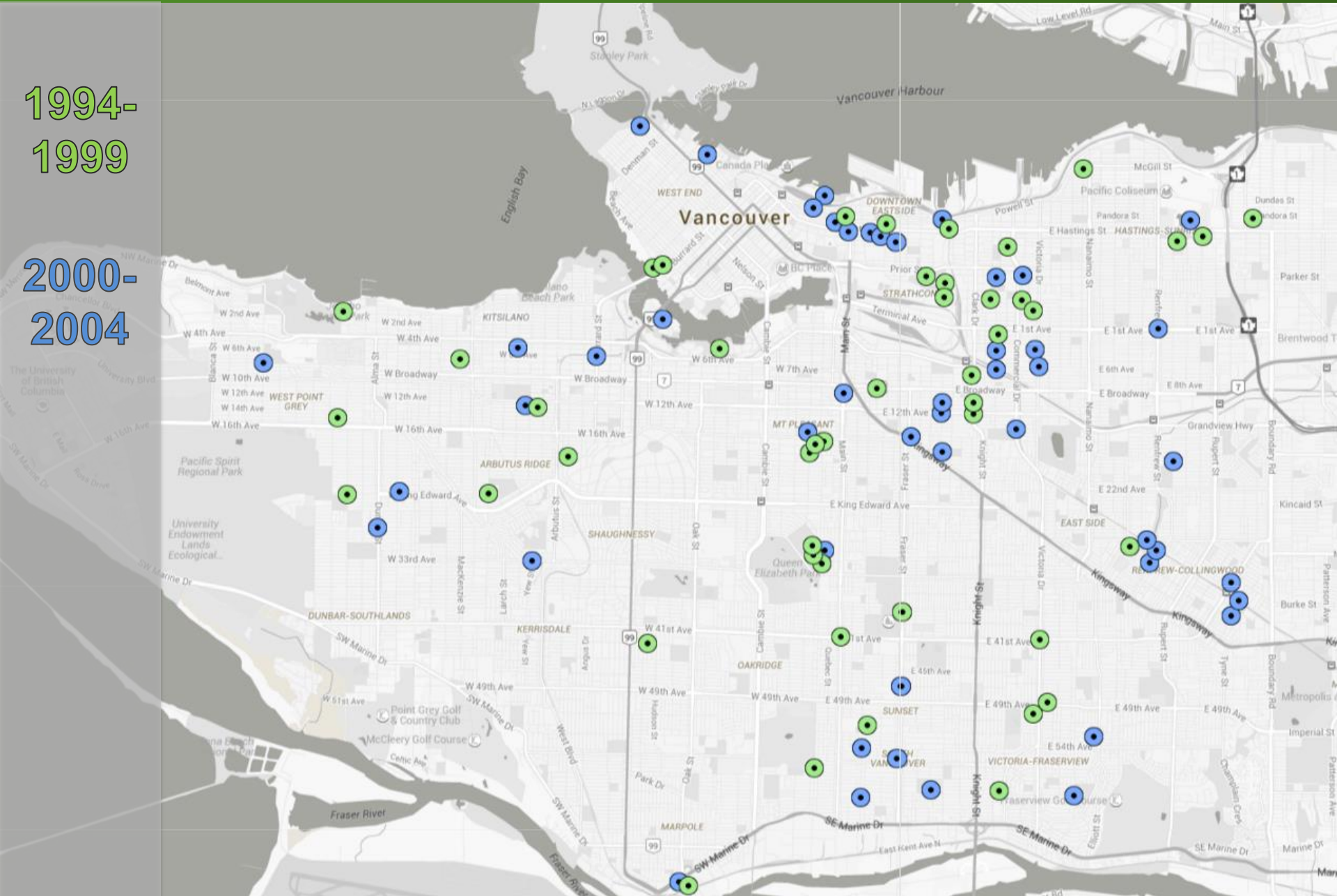
1994-
1999



Project Locations - 10 Years

1994-
1999

2000-
2004

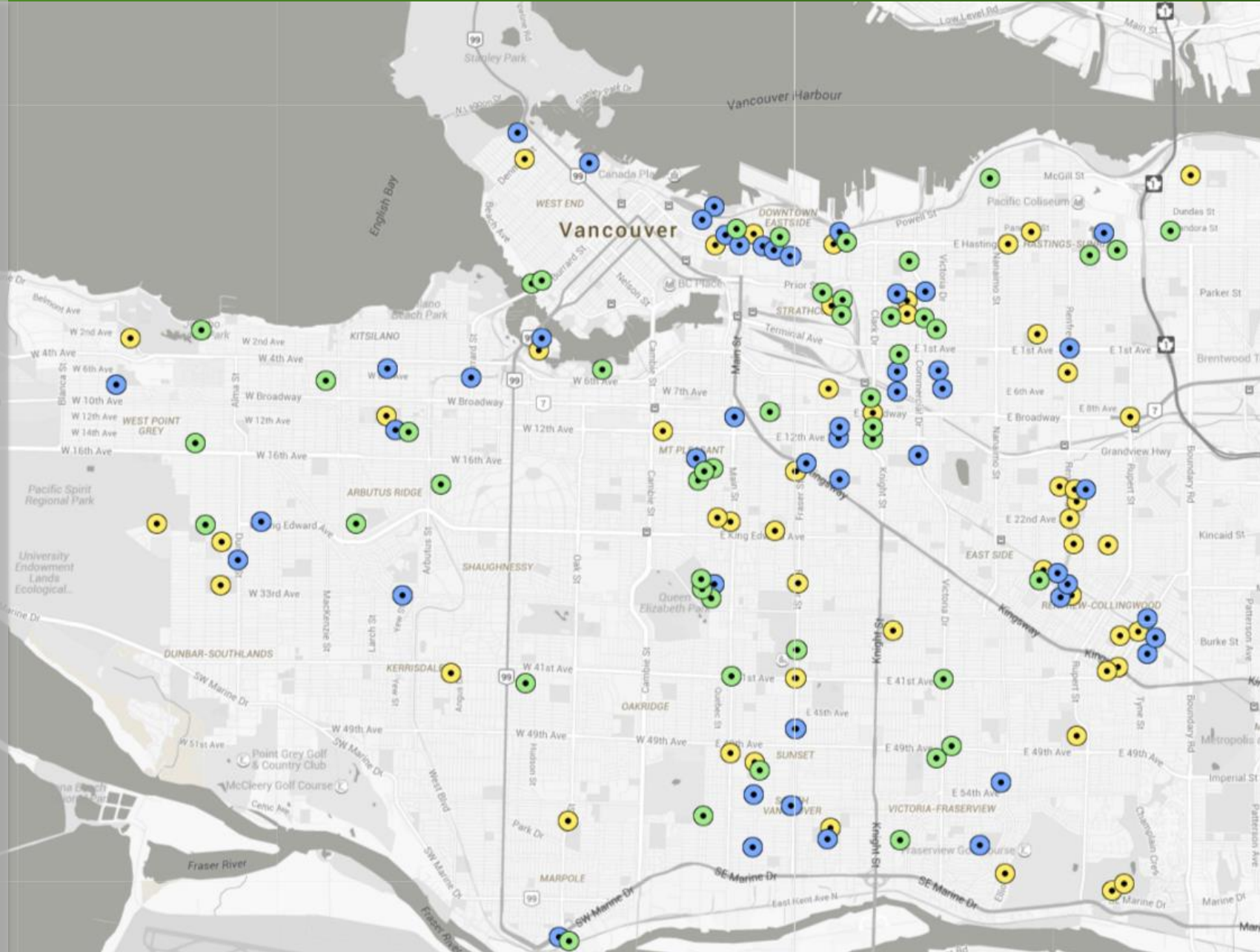


Project Locations - 15 Years

1994-
1999

2000-
2004

2005-
2009



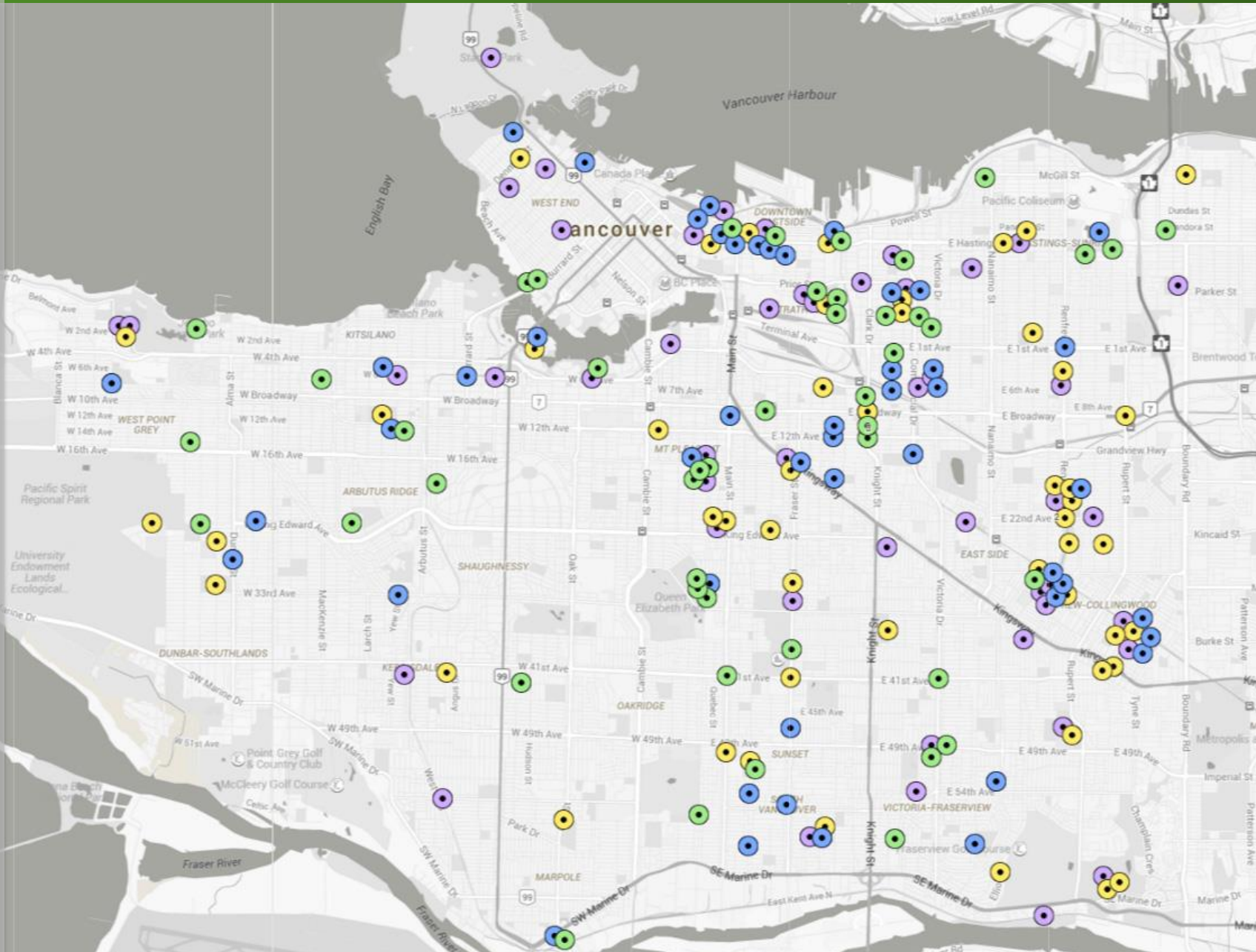
Project Locations 20 Years

1994-
1999

2000-
2004

2005-
2009

2010-
2014



Project Locations - 25 Years

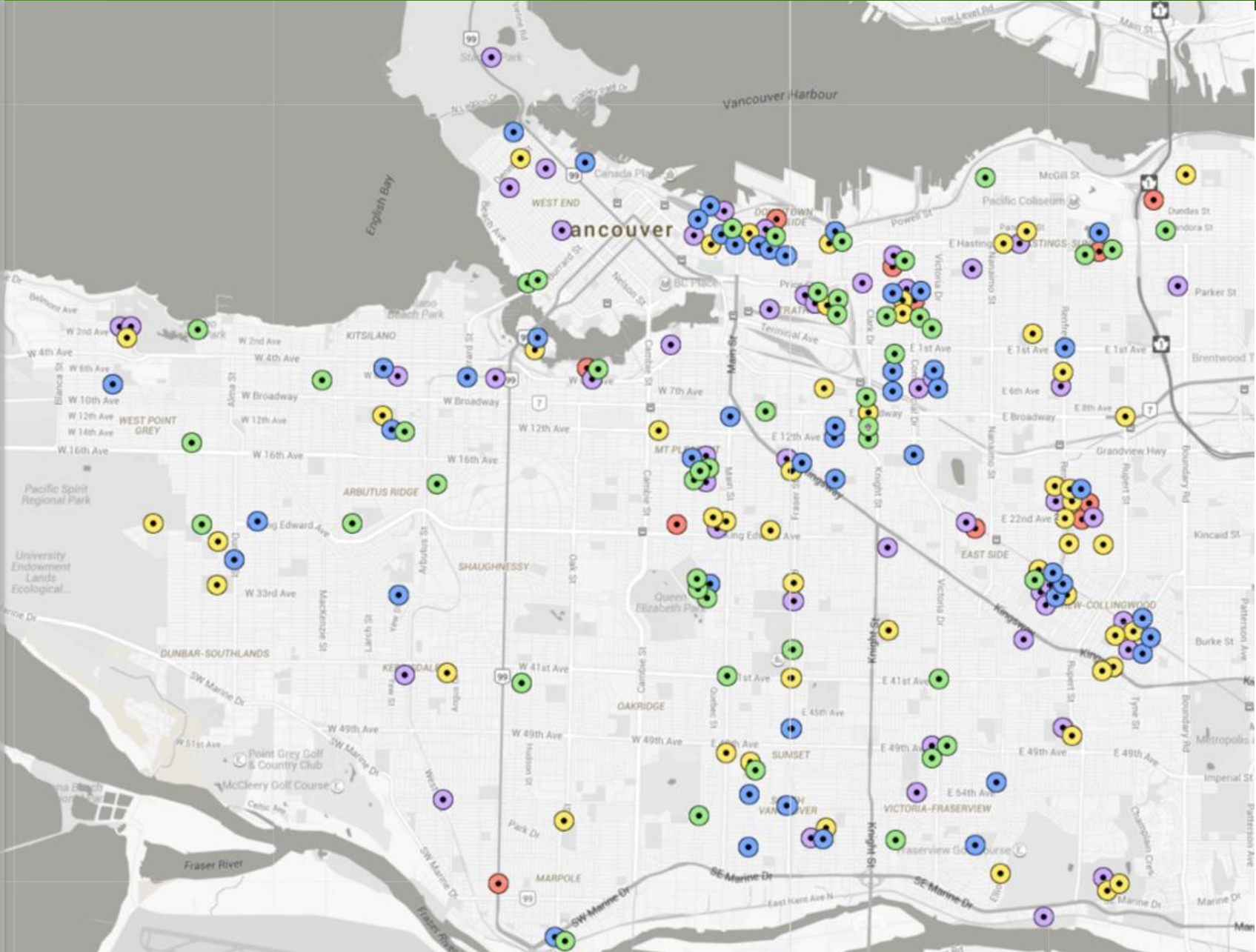
1994-
1999

2000-
2004

2005-
2009

2010-
2014

2015



Community Connections & Placemaking – from East



Community Connections & Placemaking – to West



Before



Community Connections & Placemaking – from North



Community Connections & Placemaking – to South





Projects Approved in 2015

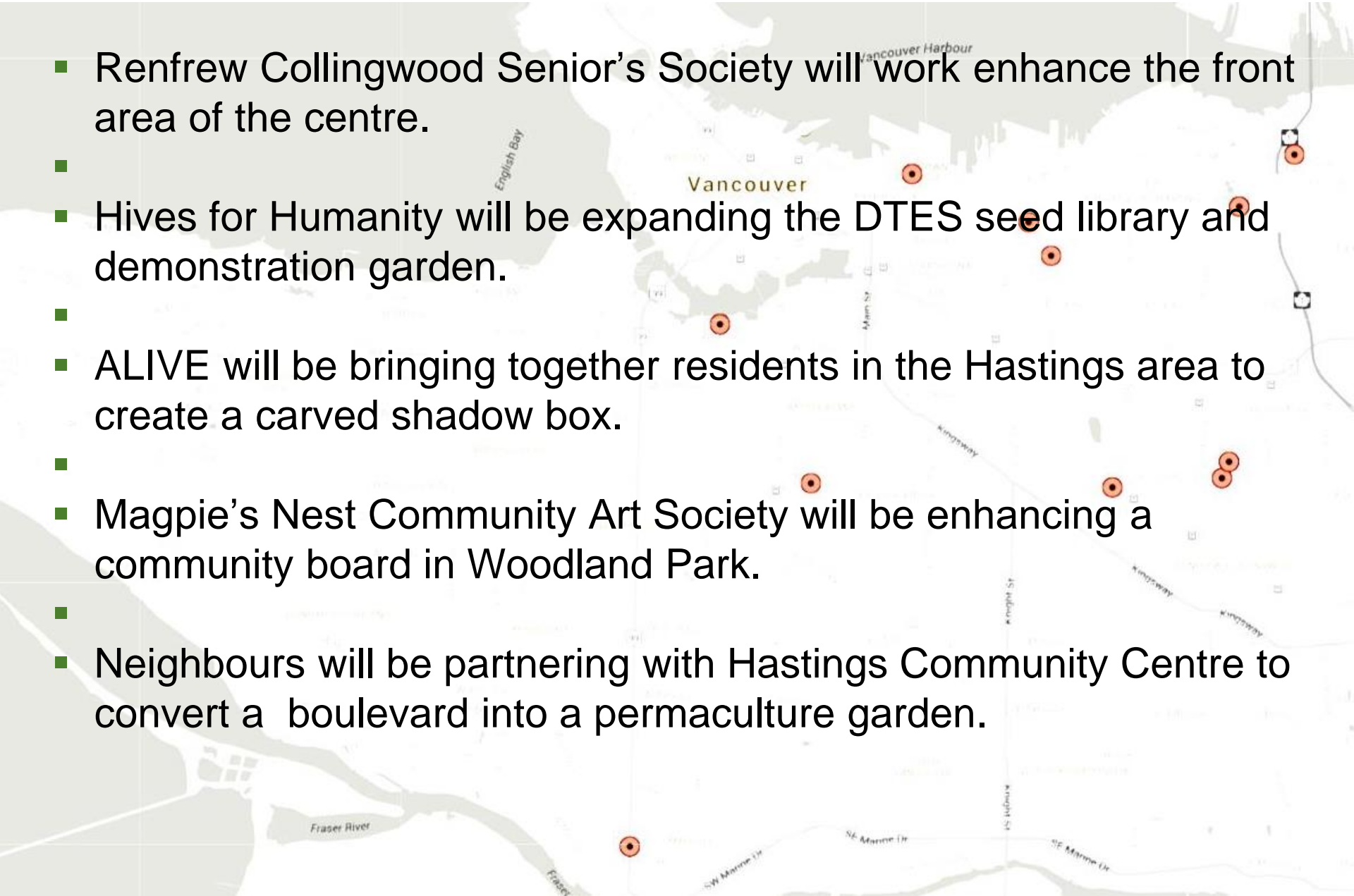
Projects Approved in 2015 - Spring



- Joy Kogawa House sponsored READ ME: the Marpole Library Community Mural Project.
 - Still Moon Arts Society will be working on story murals about Still Creek in Renfrew-Collingwood.
 - Charleson Park Community Gardeners are creating an ornamental and pollinator border and fence.
 - Evergreen is creating a pollinator pathway, and mural with Mount Pleasant residents
 - Environmental Youth Alliance are leading work on the Copley Community Orchard.
 - Britannia community is working on an Indigenous Garden for their new carving pavilion.
-
- A map of Vancouver, British Columbia, showing the city's layout and surrounding areas. Several orange dots are placed on the map to indicate the locations of the projects listed in the text. The dots are scattered across the city, from the north end near Vancouver Harbour to the south end near the Fraser River. The map also shows major roads like English Bay, Main St, and various highways.

Projects Approved in 2015 - Fall

- Renfrew Collingwood Senior's Society will work enhance the front area of the centre.
- Hives for Humanity will be expanding the DTES seed library and demonstration garden.
- ALIVE will be bringing together residents in the Hastings area to create a carved shadow box.
- Magpie's Nest Community Art Society will be enhancing a community board in Woodland Park.
- Neighbours will be partnering with Hastings Community Centre to convert a boulevard into a permaculture garden.



Questions?



