



NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND

2018 Projects

Park Board Committee Meeting
April 1, 2019



To provide the Board information regarding the eleven (11) Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) projects approved in 2018

Community Connection and Creative Place-making



The Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) supports arts, local food and environmental stewardship projects that actively involve people in:

- building neighbourhood connections
- Highlighting local community identity
- enhancing parks and other public spaces





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.

“Sweat-quity” + Partnership + NMF Investment



The Vancouver Park Board matches contributions made by the community through:

- volunteer labour
- donated professional services
- in-kind donation of supplies
- and other funds raised

- Community groups apply with a not-for-profit partner.
- There are two deadlines, Spring and Fall of each year.
- Funding decisions are made by a Community Advisory Committee.



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Maximum funding per project is \$10,000.
Many projects are funded between \$4000 - \$6000





NMF Community 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.
- A non-voting Park Board Staff liaison supports the committee with organization, administration and projects

Advisory Committee members:

- Are residents of Vancouver who, together, represent the city's diverse communities and neighbourhoods
- Understand and have experience with community organizations
- Have a background in the arts, local food or environmental stewardship

Neighbourhood Matching Fund – 2017 Expansion



In September 2017, NMF was expanded from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually, with support from Research and Planning for Local Food and Environmental Stewardship Projects



*Hives for Humanity Pollinator Garden
Cathedral Sq. Park, 2017*

2018 NMF Projects Review



In 2018 \$96,200 in funding was approved for 11 projects



This project builds on a 2016 pilot with Hives for Humanity to add a second apiary at Dunbar Community Centre, increase 'bee programs' (including beekeeping), and install interpretive signage inside and outside of the Community Centre.

Project Funding: \$6,650





- New apiary completed;.
- Hives for Humanity led workshops throughout the spring & summer of 2018 will continue;
- 1st honey extraction in Sept;
- Bees are currently winterized and off-site
- Volunteer beekeepers are learning & developing their beekeeping skills

This project engages community residents, including youth, to transform an underutilized space into a native plant demonstration garden, supporting biodiversity, building connections, and helping to revitalize Strathcona Community Gardens.

Project Funding: \$5,000



Native Plant Demonstration Garden (*Environmental Youth Alliance*)

- Youth volunteer programs engaging 36 diverse youth from neighbourhood; youth volunteer program with 12 Indigenous youth;
- Community workshops engaging local gardeners and other community residents in garden development
- Youth volunteers have designed and prepared the site and completed initial plantings;
- Habitat structures installed;
- Currently working with a youth artist to design garden signs
- Monthly planning/update meetings with community members continue



Collingwood Permaculture Installation and Community Learning (Collingwood Neighbourhood House)

This project supported students with free, neighbourhood permaculture design training to create installations in local community gardens and supportive housing facilities in active partnership with community members.

Project Funding:
\$10,000



Collingwood Permaculture Installation and Community Learning (Collingwood Neighbourhood House)

- Program included permaculture design certificate course; hands-on stewardship sessions, group design projects, and community celebrations;
- Graduates went on to create composting structures and plantings in XX community garden spaces;
- Created community by educating and empowering community members, and re-invigorating greenspaces within community.



360 Video Walking Tour of 1907 Chinatown Riots (Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens)



This Video Walking Tour of the 1907 anti-Asian riot organized by Vancouver's Asiatic Exclusion League, follows the path taken by a white mob from City Hall to Chinatown and Nihon Bachi (Japantown). Artist Henry Tsang collaborates with community members and the Dr Sun Yet Sen Garden.

Project Funding: \$10,000

360 Video Walking Tour of 1907 Chinatown Riots (Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens)

- The walk route and stops are mapped;
- Community consultations with neighbourhood partners underway;
- Production planned for summer 2019.





Two observational beehives (hives in which the bees can be seen through plexi-glass windows) broaden the bee-keeping program in St Paul's community garden.

Project Funding: \$6,750

- Worked with SPH on the preliminary parts of the project: where hives will be situated; insurance coverage, building materials;
- Hive construction is underway to be ready for spring installation.



Roots in the Community: Indigenous, Sensory and Pollinator Gardens (Fresh Roots and Van Tech)

Vancouver Technical Secondary hosts an ½ acre educational farm in partnership with Fresh Roots.

This project enhances the space with new signage, indigenous plants, a sensory garden, and a pollinator habitat.

Project Funding: \$8,000



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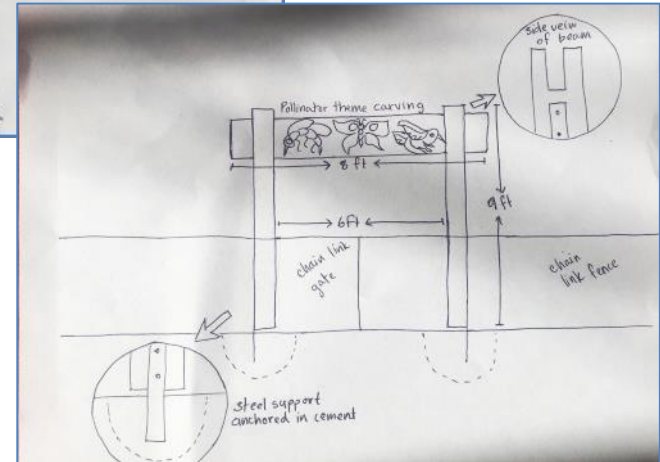
- Sensory garden and indigenous plantings have been established;
- Fresh Roots continues to work with youth on growing relationships with healthy plants that smell, taste, feel, and make sounds;
- Bee hives under construction for spring;
- Working with UBC Aboriginal Education Dept. to develop signage and showcase stories of what's growing.



Welcoming Community to the Garden (Fresh Roots and Grandview/¿Uuqinak'uuh Elementary)

Grandview/¿Uuqinak'uuh Elementary School and Fresh Roots welcome the community to their garden with the creation of an entrance carving, a garden expansion, and new signage to share indigenous knowledge and language.

Project Funding \$10,000



Welcoming Community to the Garden (Fresh Roots and Grandview/¿Uuqinak'uuh Elementary)



- Work closely with Indigenous resources teacher to support food/lands education and gardens at school;
- Working with youth and project artist (who is a resident carver and grandfather in the school) to develop design;
- Next step is to purchase cedar plank to carve with students in intermediate grades.

Projects approved in Fall 2018 are in the early stages of community consultation and project development



**Copley Improvement,
Expansion and Engagement**
Copley Community Orchard
\$10,000



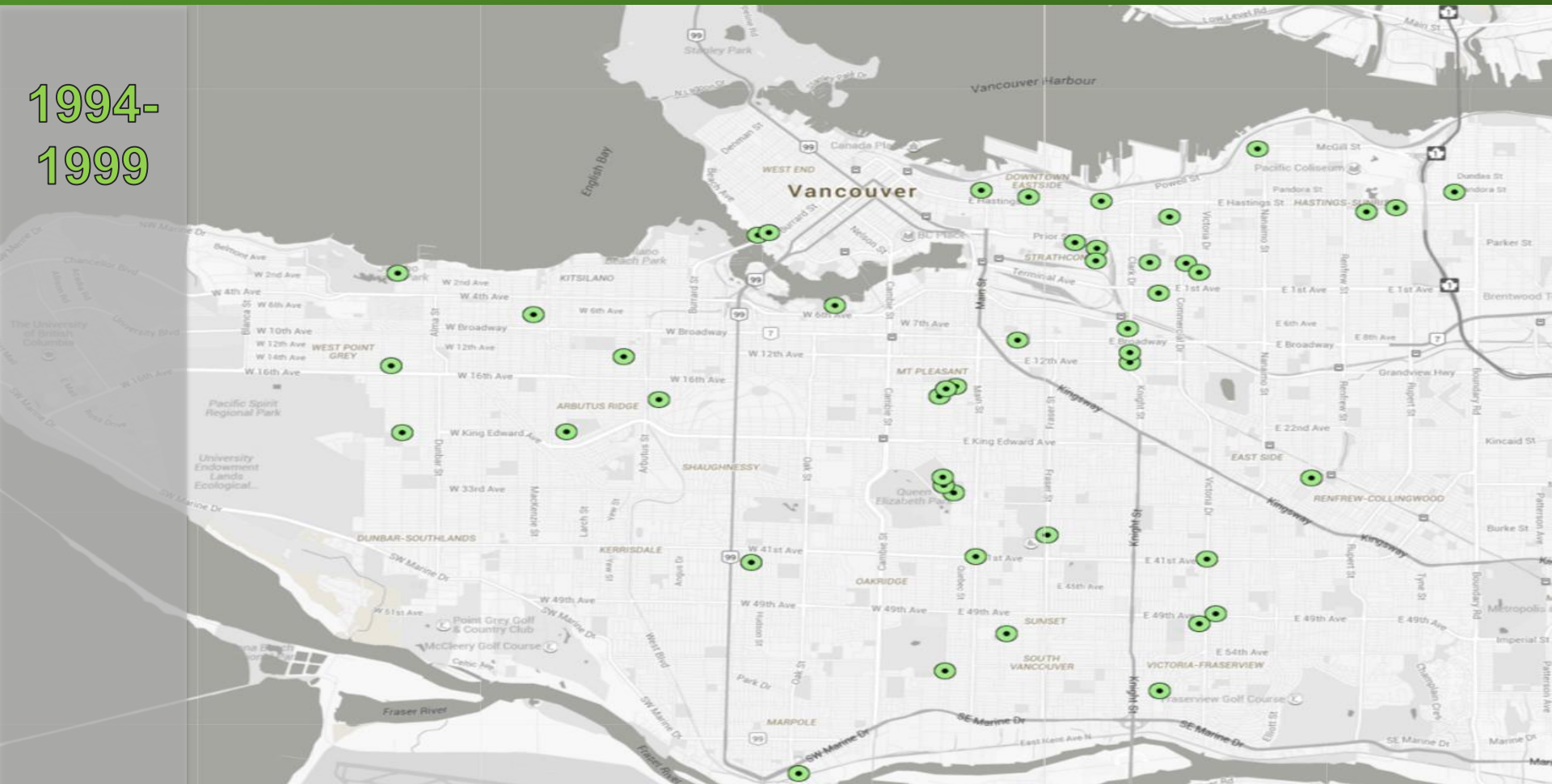
RE-SIL(i)ENCE stories
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
\$10,000



**Sunset Neighbourhood
Pollinator Path**
Sunset Community Association
\$9,800

Project Locations - First 5 Years

1994-
1999



Project Locations - 10 Years

1994-
1999

2000-
2004

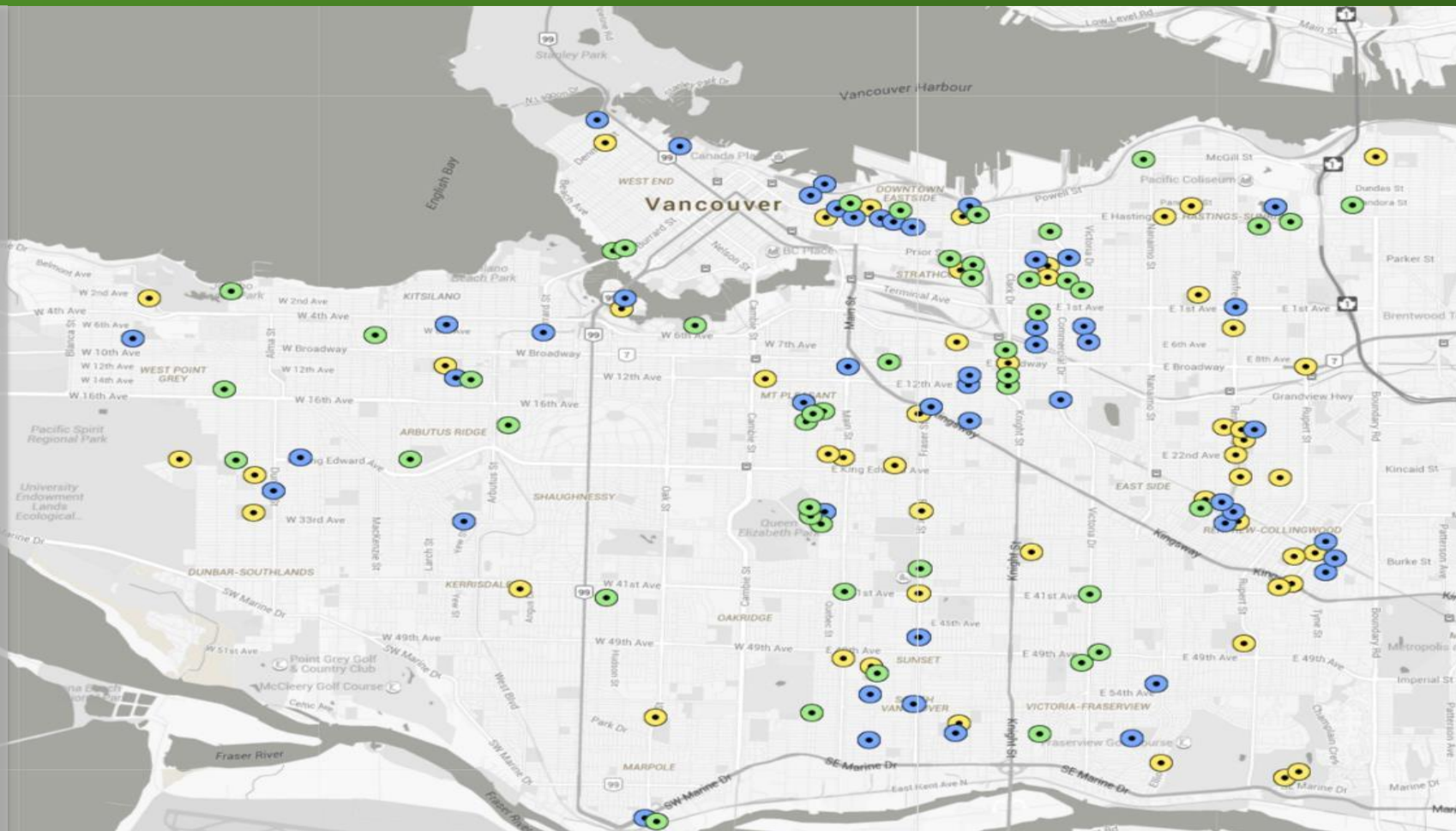


Project Locations - 15 Years

1994-
1999

2000-
2004

2005-
2009



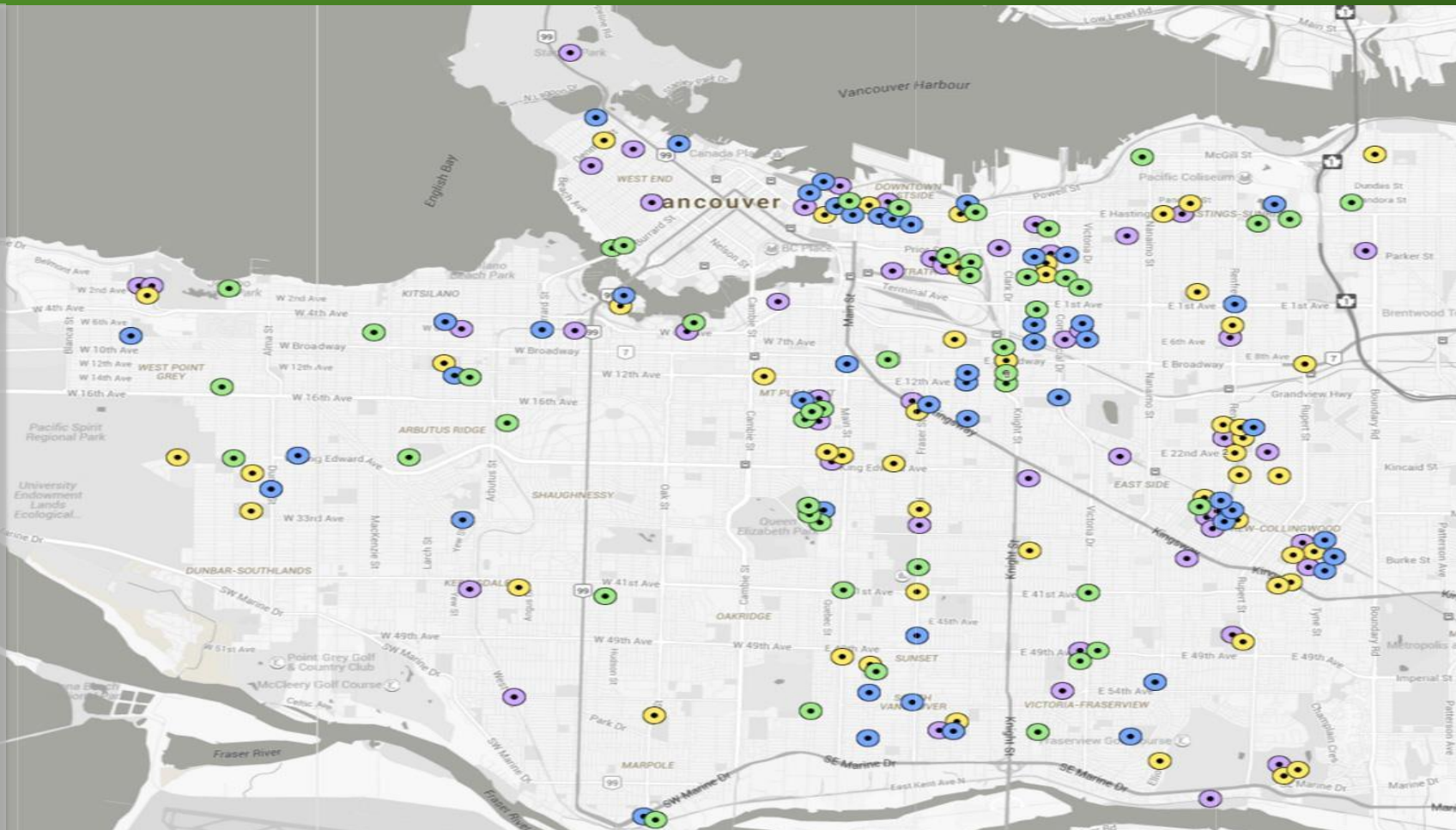
Project Locations 20 Years

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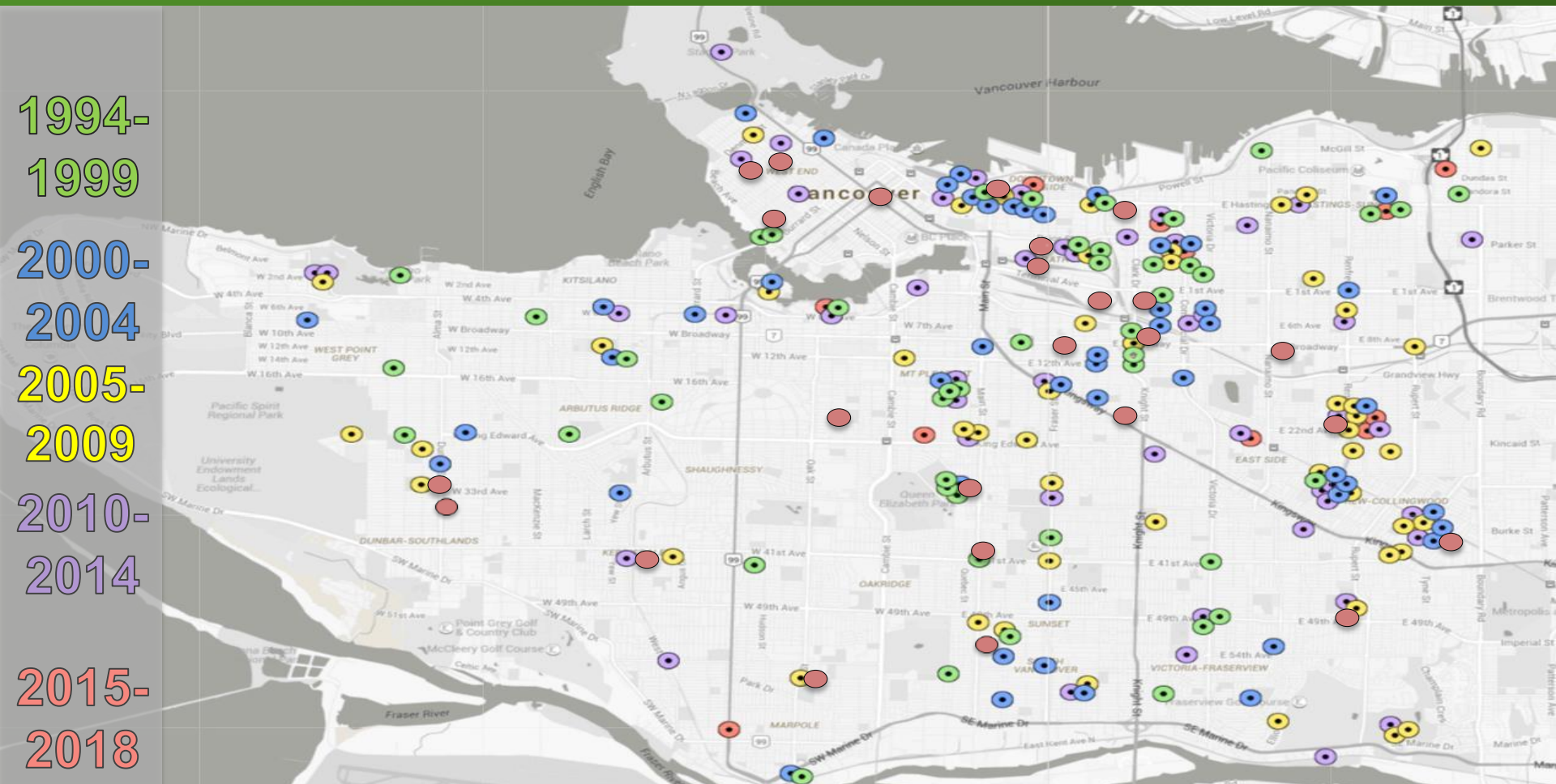
2000-
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2014



Project Locations - 25 Years





Over 25 years, the Vancouver Park Board has supported 256 projects through the Neighbourhood Matching Fund.

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the summary of eleven (11) Neighbourhood Matching Fund projects approved in 2018, attached as Appendix A

