

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE LANGLEY URBAN AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
OCTOBER 2017

Fall 2017 Update

Community Open House #2 for the Langley Urban Agriculture Demonstration Project was held on September 19th, 2017 at Alice Brown Elementary School in Langley. Representatives from the City of Langley and the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at KPU were in attendance.

The purpose of this event was to present the public with three possible high level conceptual design options for implementing urban agriculture in the publicly owned BC Hydro right-of-way between 200 St. and 204 St. Feedback collected will inform the creation of a final site plan for the area, incorporating food production, ecological restoration, habitat enhancement and passive recreation.

Additional comments and feedback are appreciated and can be directed to:

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Images of residents at Community Open House #2

Summary of Community Feedback

A total of 66 feedback forms were collected at the Community Open House #2. An estimated 80 people attended this open meeting.

69% of respondents indicated that they were not in favour of development of the site for urban agriculture

12% of this group indicated that they would be in favour of environmental restoration or parkland development but no urban agriculture

Concerns from these respondents included:

- Parking and traffic
- Exacerbation of existing rodent issues
- Neighbourhood safety
- Increase of site users from outside the neighbourhood
- Decreased property values
- Loss of habitat area for wildlife

29% of respondents provided feedback on the three conceptual urban agriculture options. These respondents preferred amenities that focused on education and building supportive relationships with neighbourhood schools.

Concerns from these respondents included:

- Long term site maintenance
- Parking and traffic
- Exacerbation of existing rodent issues
- Intensity of agricultural activity

12% of respondents indicated they would be in favour of urban agriculture development in a different location within the City of Langley

Next Steps

In accordance with the Sustainability Innovation Fund Grant agreement the City of Langley, Metro Vancouver and the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at KPU will continue with the planning phase of the Langley Urban Agriculture Demonstration Project.

A complete site plan, management and site operations plan and project budget will be prepared and presented to City Council and Metro Vancouver for review in early 2018.