

Food Map: Spaces for Food Growing and Gardening

The Food Map contains an inventory of public and private lands that may be available for food growing and gardening. This could foster the development of community gardens, farms, urban orchards and food forests.

What is the land inventory?

Campbell River's *Food Map* contains a comprehensive listing of properties that may be available for gardening or food growing activities. Visit <http://foodmap.campbellriver.ca/land> to see descriptions of listed properties, potential uses, as well as relevant details such as water connection, electricity, available space, and ownership.

Why is City land listed?

During the creation of the City's Agriculture Plan, community members identified the development of an agricultural land registry as well as an inventory of City owned lands as potential short-term strategies for building the land base. Public land that is listed on the *Food Map* has agricultural potential, and although it is not guaranteed to be used for urban agriculture, groups interested in establishing community gardens, urban orchards, and other food growing projects can consider these properties as a starting point.

How are applications for City land approved?

Applicants fill out a concept plan (templates online at www.campbellriver.ca on the Food & Agriculture section of Green City). After City staff have reviewed the plan and prepared a report for Council, the applicant will have an opportunity to present the plan to Council. If Council supports the application, there will be an opportunity for community members to comment on the plan before a final decision is made.

Who can apply for City land?

Non-profit organizations, community associations, and other interested groups can apply. Individuals should work with an existing group or form their own.

Where can people view the land inventory?

The Food Map <http://foodmap.campbellriver.ca/> contains the details for any listed property. This includes the property owner's contact information. Resources for public land applications can be found on www.campbellriver.ca.

Is there an approval process for private land?

Private land listings have not been reviewed or endorsed by the City. They are provided for informational purposes only. Interested parties are responsible for creating their own agreements and ensuring their activities conform with City regulations or bylaws.



More questions?

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Food Map: Potential Urban Agricultural Land

Watch and share *Harvest Campbell River* on www.youtube.com/user/CityofCampbellRiver

Can anyone list a property?

Yes. Just create a profile and register your land on the *Food Map*. List, update and remove your property from the inventory at any time. This will allow you to interact with interested community members directly.

Note: neither the City of Campbell River, its elected officials, appointed officers, employees, nor any other agency assumes legal liability or responsibility for the use of your land.

Are there benefits for property owners?

Yes. By listing your property on the *Food Map* you will be able to create your own agreements with interested community groups, individuals or farmers. Depending on your agreement you may gain access to a portion of the vegetables, a share in profits, maintenance in exchange for gardening space, etc. Regardless of any compensation, you will be supporting local community members and farmers that do not have access to land, and wish to grow local food.

Is the City subsidizing farmers?

No. Local governments are generally restricted from providing assistance to businesses. If Council approved a for-profit food growing operation on City land the applicant would be required to pay a rental fee that reflects the land's market value. This restriction does not apply to registered non-profit societies that are regulated by the Society Act.

Are there size limitations?

No. You can list a property of any size on the *Food Map*. For instance, you could post an acreage, a vacant lot, backyard, or even a single garden bed. Provided that you comply with City regulations, any property you own can be listed.

Can I sell the food I grow?

The commercial production and sale of fruits, vegetables or plants qualifies as a home-based business and is permitted in all residential zones, subject to the provisions listed in the Zoning Bylaw. View the provisions online at www.campbellriver.ca on the *Home Based Business* section of *Business & Economy* or email planning@campbellriver.ca.



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