

WHAT WE HEARD & NEXT STEPS

PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE LANGLEY URBAN AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Project Update - Summer 2017

The first Community Open House for the **Langley Urban Agriculture Demonstration Project** was held in Langley on May 10th, 2017 from 6-8pm.

It is estimated that 80 people attended the open house in total and 54 written responses were collected at this event. Since that event additional feedback has been collected from residents via email and direct mail.

What We Heard:

The project team heard from residents and stakeholders with concerns and comments about proposed urban agriculture in this BC Hydro Right-of-Way. This feedback will provide critical insight for shaping the final site design options:

- The site is currently well used by immediate neighbours
- Existing values include community safety, natural space and recreation
- Increased traffic and access to the site are major concerns
- Open and unprogrammed space is considered an asset in the neighbourhood
- There is concern from surrounding residents that activity on this site will disrupt rather than enhance the neighbourhood
- Immediate neighbours are concerned that site development will primarily benefit those not living in the immediate residential area

Project Timeline:

- **Site Design and Planning** – July - Aug 2017
- **Community Plan Review** – Sept – Oct 2017
- **Draft Plan Revisions** – Oct 2017
- **Project Reporting** – Nov – Dec 2017

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Next Steps:

Collected feedback from the public and consultation with BC Hydro has allowed the project team to assess the benefits and cost of each amenity determining the best fit for the site.

Each site amenity has been evaluated based on both costs (e.g. neighbourhood impact, maintenance cost, resources needed etc.) and benefits (e.g. enhancement of natural and public space, achievement of project objectives, partnership potential etc.). During the next phase of the project different site design options will be prepared and presented to the public in the Fall of 2017.

The project team will prepare site design options considering project goals, impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood and broader community compatibility.

Community Open House #2

A second Community Open House will be held in the Fall of 2017. Residents from the City of Langley will be invited to review the prepared site design options and provide feedback on how best to complete a feasible and appropriate urban agriculture plan for the site.

Project Conclusion:

Once a final site design option has been chosen in consultation with the residents of the City of Langley, complete operations and site management plans will be created by the project team. In addition to this final phase of the planning process a report will be compiled to accompany the concept plan.

The project team has received funding to complete the planning phase and produce a site plan for urban agriculture in this BC Hydro Right-of-Way. No additional funding has been secured, and future site development will be conditional on City Council approval and receipt of additional funding.

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