

Appendix F: Food Security Organizations in Vancouver

Food Security Organizations	What Do they Do? Mandate	Membership, Newsletters	Number One Issue
<p>Urban Diggers Society C/O 204-272E. 4th Ave. Van. V5T 4S2 879-3676 www.vcn.bc.ca/dig</p>	<p>The Urban Diggers Society looks after 4 community gardens in the mount pleasant area of Vancouver. They are a long-time advocate for public and affordable urban agriculture opportunities in their community.</p>	<p>Membership is between 200 and 300 people, though there is no official membership. There is no newsletter</p>	<p>Maintaining and increasing community gardens in Vancouver</p>
<p>Strathcona Community Gardens, (604) 253-4718, located in Strathcona neighbourhood @ 700 block of Prior Street.</p>	<p>Strathcona garden is 3.5 acres of community gardens in the DTES of Vancouver and also holds the license for two other gardens: Cottonwood & the EYA Youth Garden (3.5 acres, making the total area managed over 7 acres in the downtown area of Vancouver. The garden's design consists of 1/3 allotment plots, 1/3 common agriculture zones (orchard, bee farm, herb garden, etc), and 1/3 wild area, (pond, habitat zones). The society also focuses on larger urban sustainability issues such as waste (composting toilet, grey water, & industrial scale composting). There is a community nursery for plant propagation, seed saving, etc and an eco-house for educational workshops on urban ag.</p>	<p>Membership is 95 people/families approx. 300 gardeners. EYA Youth Garden: educates and trains approximately: 20 urban ag/food security interns dozens of children & youth volunteers</p>	<p>Education and promotion of urban agriculture and urban greening initiatives and the importance of community gardens. Also works on compost and eco-building</p>
<p>UBC Farm 6182 South Campus Rd. (604) 822-5092 ubcfarm@interchange.ubc.ca</p>	<p>UBC Farm is a student driven initiative to retain and recreate existing farm and forest land @UBC into a significant centre for sustainable agriculture, forestry and food systems. It is a teaching site, a community outreach area linking to Vancouver and the University Community. It also runs school programs and a farmers market.</p>		<p>To develop and implement programs and activities that demonstrates the University's commitment to sustainability and community health.</p>
<p>The BCIT Green Rooftop Research Facility, 555 Great</p>	<p>BCIT's Green Rooftop program is a unique facility dedicated to research on storm water control and the thermal performance of green roofs.</p>	<p>No and no</p>	<p>Education. Getting people to understand about the importance of</p>

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<p>Northern Way, (604) 451-7029 www.greenroof.bcit.ca</p>			<p>storm water management and its effect on the ecosystem, and the city.</p>
<p>City Farmer, 2150 Maple, 685-5832 (office), 736-2250 (garden) www.cityfarmer.org</p>	<p>City Farmer focuses on small back yard gardening & composting in Vancouver. They mainly do programs on the West Side of the City and operate a website for larger outreach. It operates with funding from the City of Vancouver and largely focus a variety of projects such as a composting hotline, demonstration garden, worm bin composting program, demo cob shed with green roof, a resource centre</p>	<p>No and no</p>	<p>Promoting urban agriculture locally and globally. Supplying people with information either through the website, composting hotline or through the demonstration garden</p>
<p>Farm Folk City Folk Society, 1937 W. 2nd Ave. 730-0450. info@ffcf.bc.ca</p>	<p>The goals of Farm Folk City Folk are to; ensure that everyone has access to sufficient and varied food, to protect and promote the right to know where and how food is produced and what it contains, to promote self-sufficiency, promote food growing that is healthy and environmentally conscious.</p>	<p>Membership is approximately 400. There is a quarterly newsletter</p>	<p>For people to eat local fresh and seasonal foods grown using farming practices that contribute to the health of the planet.</p>
<p>Fruit Tree Project, (604) 873-1191 www.vcn.bc.ca/fruit/</p>	<p>The Fruit Tree Project connects people who have fruit trees, people who can help harvest fruit and community groups that use fruit in their programs</p>	<p>No and no.</p>	<p>Urban Sustainability</p>
<p>The Vancouver Permaculture Network (604) 876-7330 www.alternatives.com/vpn/</p>	<p>Vancouver Permaculture Network is an informal group promoting permaculture, sustainable community and nurturing functional and beautiful environments to live in</p>	<p>No and no</p>	<p>To provide contacts and networking internet listings, education and workshops on various topics and to provide a social context for the application of permaculture.</p>