

Growing community gardens in Cambridge

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Growing community gardens in Kitchener

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Agenda

- ☀ Community gardens
- ☀ Supporting community gardens – what the City gains
- ☀ Recommendations – how the City can grow with us
- ☀ Examples – what some other cities do
- ☀ How the Region and area municipalities are doing now
- ☀ Other community supporters
- ☀ Specific local needs



Community gardens



- ☀ What are they?
- ☀ How much land do they need?

What the city gains

- ⚙️ Policy benefits
- ⚙️ Financial value
- ⚙️ Environmental value
- ⚙️ Social value



Support recommendations

- ☀ New developments
- ☀ Zoning and bylaws
- ☀ Inventory
- ☀ Incentives
- ☀ Startup and maintenance
- ☀ Education



Support examples

☀ Canada

☀ U.S.



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Current municipal support

- ☼ Grants
- ☼ Land
- ☼ Startup
- ☼ Land preparation
- ☼ Water hookup
- ☼ Mulch and compost
- ☼ Administrative support



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Other local support

- ☀ Local businesses
- ☀ Churches
- ☀ Community centres
- ☀ Community organizations
- ☀ Educational institutions
- ☀ Province of Ontario



Specific needs: Cambridge gardens

- ☀ Land
- ☀ Liability waivers
- ☀ Infrastructure and maintenance (water, compost, waste removal)
- ☀ Soil testing and preparation
- ☀ Startup incentives, improvement grants
- ☀ Formal, ongoing staff support
- ☀ Zoning, planning consideration



Specific needs: Kitchener gardens

- ☼ Land
- ☼ Infrastructure (water, compost, waste removal)
- ☼ Security (night patrols, sensor lights)
- ☼ Accessibility (raised gardens)
- ☼ Soil testing, previous land use information
- ☼ Legal services (land lease agreements, liability)
- ☼ Educational programs in schools



Specific needs: Waterloo gardens

- ☀ Land
- ☀ Infrastructure (water, compost, waste removal, tree trimming)
- ☀ Support and administrative staff
- ☀ Startup support (incentives, grants, tools)
- ☀ Soil testing and preparation
- ☀ Zoning, planning consideration
- ☀ Less restrictive bylaws



Questions?



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