

Community Garden program

2020 year-end survey results

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Strathcona County's Community Garden program helps residents and local non-profits establish community-led garden projects in County parks and green spaces.

A year-end survey was available to all garden members to evaluate the 2020 growing season.

Survey results

In November 2020, current community garden members were asked to complete a survey about the past growing season. The survey was intended to help evaluate progress towards the goals of the program and to assess member satisfaction with support provided by the County.

The survey link was sent to garden leaders of 14 community gardens. Note: a separate survey was sent to members of the Emerald Hills Community Garden due to the addition of questions specific to that location only. There were 53 responses to the survey (52 complete and one partial).

HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% said the community garden contributes to their own sense of pride in their neighbourhood
- 90% said the community garden helps them feel more connected with other members of their garden group
- 89% said the community garden helps build trust between the people in their garden group
 - 71% said the community garden helps build trust between the people in their neighbourhood
- 92% said the community garden helps them and their family eat more health
- 66% of respondents usually walk to get to their community garden location
 - 26% of respondents usually drive
- 47% of respondents said some of the food grown at their community garden was donated

"I am so grateful to be part of our community garden. It has been an opportunity to grow more than food and during these last 6 months, especially, our gardeners are a solid foundation of support."

Community garden member

 100%

SAID THE COMMUNITY GARDEN
CONTRIBUTES TO THEIR OWN SENSE
OF PRIDE IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD

“The gardens are a wonderful community-based meeting area for people of all ages.”

Community garden member

SATISFACTION

- 92% were pleased with the amount of support the County provided for their community garden in 2020
- 88% said the County communicated effectively as we dealt with challenges around gardening during COVID-19
- 96% were pleased with the on-site water available at their garden

What's next?

Based on the results and comments included in the open-ended feedback, Strathcona County will look at ways to improve the Community Garden program for 2021 and future growing seasons.

More information

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