

Community Garden Survey – Mapping Interest

Urban Agriculture Strategy

Strathcona County mapped neighbourhood interest to prioritize planning for new community-led gardens. The [Community Garden](#) program is one of seven strategy areas implemented by Strathcona County to support the realization of the long-term vision of the [Urban Agriculture Strategy](#).

Survey results

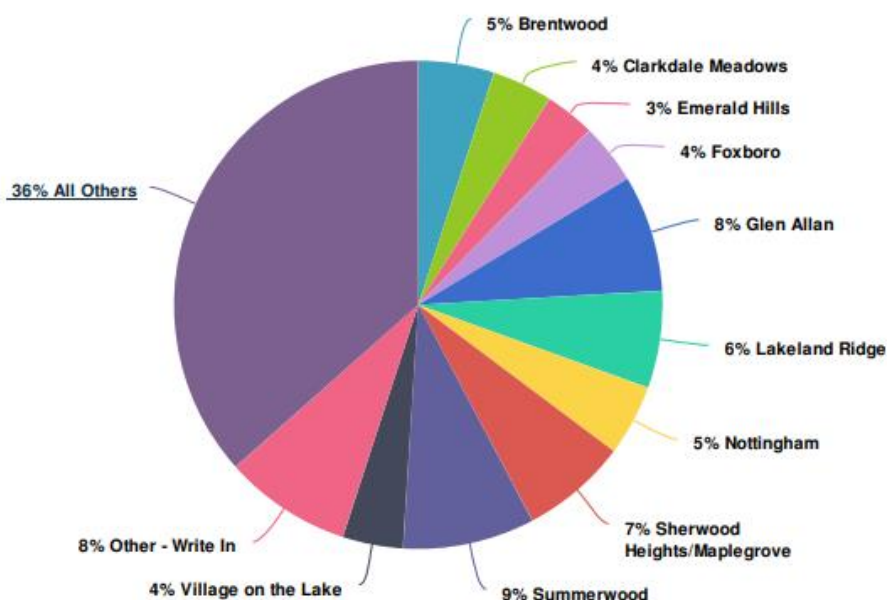
From June to August 2017, the public was invited to complete an online survey about neighbourhood interest for new community-led gardens. 310 surveys were collected with an 89% completion rate.

The survey responses were used to map interest for community gardens by neighbourhood and postal code. This information provided a visual showing where interest was greatest and/or grouped in proximity.

Survey highlights

- Summerwood, Glen Allen, Sherwood Heights and Lakeland neighbourhoods had the highest interest in community gardens.
- 81% of participants said they want to be notified about upcoming engagement meetings on community gardens in their neighbourhood.
- 69% signed up to receive communications from Strathcona County through the Urban Agriculture e-newsletter.

1. What neighbourhood/hamlet do you live in?



What's next?

Follow-up open house meetings were hosted in September (2017) in parks chosen from the four neighbourhoods that had the highest survey results. The purpose of these meetings was to provide information and talk to residents who expressed interest in starting new community gardens. A fifth open house was hosted at the Community Centre.

In 2018 community members worked together, with support from Strathcona County, to start new community gardens in Glen Allen, Lakeland and Summerwood neighbourhood parks. The community garden program continues to work with residents interested in starting new community gardens.