

# 2018 community garden projects

## Feedback from garden leaders

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Strathcona County developed a survey to gather targeted feedback from community garden leaders for the 2018 growing season. The purpose of the survey was as follows:

- 1) Evaluate the success of the 2018 growing season;
- 2) Evaluate progress toward the supported goals for the Community Garden program outlined in the [Urban Agriculture Strategy](#); and
- 3) Gather information to inform the sustainability and success of the Community Garden program.

### Survey results

In December 2018, Strathcona County invited garden leaders from each of the 13 existing community garden locations to provide feedback through a short survey. The survey link and purpose was sent directly to identified garden leaders via email. Survey participation included respondents from six community garden projects.

Satisfaction highlights include:

- 100 per cent of respondents agree that they are pleased with the amount of support the garden members provided for their community garden in 2018
- 67 per cent of respondents somewhat agree that they are pleased with the amount of support the County provided for their community garden in 2018
- 33 per cent of respondents somewhat disagree that they are pleased with the amount of support the County provided for their community garden in 2018

Other survey highlights include :

- The community garden project helped garden leaders feel more connected with the other members of their garden group
  - 67 per cent agree; 33 per cent somewhat agree
- The community garden contributed to the garden leaders' sense of pride in their neighbourhood
  - 83 per cent agree; 17 per cent somewhat agree
- The community garden project added to the beauty of their neighbourhood
  - 100 per cent agree
- The community garden project helped the garden leaders and their families eat more healthily
  - 33 per cent agree; 50 per cent somewhat agree
- The community garden project was an educational experience about food and food production for the garden leaders and their families
  - 50 per cent agree; 33 per cent somewhat agree

**Next steps**

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 2019 and future growing seasons. Plans for 2019 include changes to both the application form and process, and evaluating the operational processes and supports in place for the program.