

2020

Urban Agriculture Year-in-Review

Urban agriculture shone brightly this year, as many people looked to the inspiration and nourishment that growing food and being outdoors can offer.

COVID-19 brought adjustments to urban agriculture programming, and events were not offered this year. Still, there were many opportunities to grow food and create community connection.

Here's our annual round-up of all the ways we are growing towards our vision for urban agriculture in Strathcona County.

Community gardens

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Site improvements at existing gardens

1 

Garden relocation

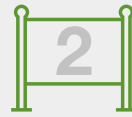


50lbs

of food donated to the food bank by one community garden



Three existing garden expansions



New garden entry signs

64 

New garden boxes built and installed this year

69 

Completed year-end surveys from our community gardeners

194 Community garden boxes in total at 15 community gardens

Urban Agriculture Strategy

37 

New urban agriculture newsletter subscribers; 581 total subscribers

523

Responses to the urban agriculture survey



62%

of respondents said they are growing more food at home compared to previous years

COVID-19 community garden season



All gardens were open to members & zero days were lost in the growing season due to COVID-19. New signs with COVID-19 guidelines were installed at all community gardens.

School gardens



Three new gardens installed making 23 gardens in total

Edible plants in public spaces

7 

Planters planted by Strathcona in Bloom volunteers

New native edible trees and shrubs in Gilmore Park's urban forest



1 

New edible fruit garden planted at Ardrossan Spray Park

Thanks for growing with us! We're excited to continue to expand our programs in 2021.