

Welcome to the
East Hill Community Garden

900 Shantz Rd
Vernon (BX)

Gardener Handbook



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Big thanks to the property owners, Kim Harker and Jill Holmes, our development team, and Greater Vernon Services Committee and staff. An extra thanks to our committee members for their dedication and hard work without whom there would be no garden.

Background – East Hill Garden

In 2008, this garden began as the Greater Vernon Community/School Garden pilot project in partnership with the Regional District Parks Recreation and Culture. It is a private property leased by the Regional District for a community garden and was begun by a group of volunteers who wanted to demonstrate the area's first community garden, as well as involve the students of Silver Star Elementary. This was a successful endeavour and with the support of the Food Action Society of the North Okanagan, this garden was to be the first in a proposed "network" of community gardens serving the area.

Greater Vernon Community Garden Network

Because of its recreational value and because of the Regional District's jurisdiction over Parks, through Greater Vernon Parks, Recreation and Culture, it was felt that community gardens presented the best fit for their mandate. A new policy (2010) strengthens this relationship and outlines the ways in which community gardeners are supported by our local government. This support can be summarized as:

- Help to identify and negotiate leases or agreements for appropriate land on which to develop community gardens both either private or public.
- Facilitation and/or provision of needed water system infrastructures as approved
- Collection of allotment fees and registration at the Recreation Centre
- Promotion and advertising via the Leisure Guide and/or websites
- Other in-kind contributions such as fencing or portapotties
- Public liability insurance on leased lands
- A maximum, one-time start-up grant for *new* gardens of \$2,500

Volunteers Needed

As local government is *not* responsible for the day to day management or operations of the gardens, and there is no paid staff or coordinator at present to manage community gardens, committed volunteer efforts from the gardeners are necessary to receive continued support through Greater Vernon Parks Recreation and Culture.

Amenities

The East Hill garden has 40 allotments available to rent, at 5'x20', 10'x20' or 20'x20' in size. These are traditional garden beds and require maintenance and care. Each gardener has access to a water line, hoses, and tools for sharing. There is a tool shed and room to store some personal items. Soil amendments are made available for sharing when possible, otherwise, each gardener is responsible for bringing in their own. Additionally, any garden implements or structures are to be provided at the gardeners own cost and labour. There is an area for composting garden waste and weeds, as well as picnic tables and umbrellas for shade. A bulletin board is posted to keep gardeners informed and each gardener gets a key to the entry gate and tool shed.

GARDENER AGREEMENT – RULES AND REGULATIONS EXPLAINED

PLEASE READ THE AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY

To ensure the smooth operation of the Community Garden, an agreement that outlines the expectations and rules for gardening is necessary. This agreement was a joint venture by Greater Vernon Parks Recreation and Culture, who added their “facility” agreement portion, and the committee, who researched best practices by other community gardens and came up with a set of rules. This helps to avoid conflicts and misunderstandings. For your benefit, some of the more common rules will be discussed here.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

From time to time, being the humans that we are, small conflicts will arise. Whenever possible, problems, concerns, questions should be taken to the garden representative or a steering committee member who will try to resolve them in a sensitive way. This will hopefully help all of us to avoid confrontations that may mar the friendly atmosphere at the garden and keep it a comfortable and enjoyable place to spend time together.

COMMUNICATION

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD EACH TIME YOU COME TO THE GARDEN AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

Communication between the garden representative, committee and gardeners is extremely important. For this reason, both email, and a bulletin board will ensure that information is transferred to everyone. For convenience, we will post a bulletin board on the outside of the tool shed for easy access. Gardeners may also communicate with each other. For example, if you will be away, or have excess vegetables you won't be using, you can notify the other gardeners to help themselves. This avoids unnecessary waste.

PARKING

Designated parking is on the road allowance west of the property at 900 Shantz Road. A **limited number of parking spaces** are provided directly in front of the garden area (6 maximum – parallel).. We also encourage you to walk, cycle, or use transit whenever you can as a more sustainable alternative to single occupancy vehicles. Please **do not park** in front of the neighbour to the East or the property owners on the west - at their request.

DOGS/PETS

The agreement states that **no pets** are to be brought to the garden. This was decided based on best practices of other community gardens, to reduce the risk of any possible damage or risk to the garden and gardeners, and to avoid a potential nuisance situation.

You will notice that the property owner has a dog (Sidney) who is known to be aggressive. Please report any incidents to the garden representative committee and **keep your distance from the fence, particularly if you have children in your care.**

GUESTS/ACTIVITIES

You are welcome to bring your guests to the garden and of course, an extra helper is always appreciated. Guests are expected to abide by the rules of the garden and children must be supervised. Visitors are welcome to tour the garden when gardeners are present, provided that they are not making you feel unsafe in any way. If you notice any suspicious activity, please alert the garden committee and note any relevant details. **The Community Garden is not a public park, in that the sole activity is for gardening and related activities.** Students watering over the summer must provide evidence that they are sanctioned to do so. **Any other activities should receive the consent of the garden coordinator/committee first.**

TOOLS & HOSES

Tools and equipment that are the property of the Community Garden will be marked with lime green spray paint. These are for our shared use. There are also a number of donated tools. If you bring your own tools or hoses, we cannot guarantee that they will not be borrowed, lost, or broken. Therefore, we would suggest that any tools and hoses left at the garden be done with the understanding that others can use them, or take them home with you after use.

New shelving will allow some personal storage bins. These are the gardener's personal items and should not be used without prior consent. We do ask that you treat all property with respect, return it to its place reasonably clean, and note any repairs needed.

Hoses are usually personal property, but sharing is encouraged, as it's not necessary that each gardener have their own hose. Please coil or loop them on a fence or hose reel when done with them. **Caution must be exercised when moving hoses**, so as not to trample someone else's garden.

SOIL AMMENDMENTS and MULCHING

Enriching your soil with compost and other natural fertilizers like manure will improve your vegetable yields, prevent many pest infestations, and make for a more satisfying gardening experience. The Community Garden Committee may make some efforts to provide these for the gardeners, but it is not their responsibility. If you have a personal source, or have the means to purchase from a gardening centre, that may be an option. A bulk load could be cost-shared by those gardeners interested in receiving it this way. You may also bring composted, cured material from home to put on your own allotment. **CURED PRODUCTS ONLY**. No fresh manure is allowed.

It is highly recommended that you mulch your crops. This reduces the need for more frequent watering, suppressed weed growth and amends the soil. Leaves make excellent mulch and they are free. Many gardeners picked up extra in the fall and spring through the curbside program.

Straw can also be purchased. Please check before helping yourself to any of these materials as they may belong to someone.

COMPOSTERS

There are a number of open bin composters this year for garden waste. Some of them are for general use and some are managed by individuals. If you are making your own compost, you will need to provide enough "brown" material and water to get it active. Please be certain to follow the posted instructions to ensure disposal in the appropriate places. **Please do not bring food waste from home.**

PERRENIALS and FLOWERS

Some of you have planted different perennial herbs, etc. You are welcome to do so, but do be aware that should you discontinue gardening or if the site is not renewed, it will be your responsibility to remove them, or they will be given away.

Flowers are welcome additions to your allotments. Note that sunflowers, while very pleasing, are difficult to compost and remove. You may want to consider the smaller varieties. Some of our gardeners are making the effort to beautify the space with added flower beds. It is much appreciated.

RAISED – BOXED BEDS

Raised beds are an option. Some of you may want to convert to the Square Foot Gardening method or design your own raised bed. Supplies would have to come at your own personal cost and effort. **Raised beds must be removed by the gardener** should they decide not to return the following year, but they can remain over the winter if the gardener is returning. Keep in mind that tilling is often not possible or practical once you've added wood or other borders. Also, **please measure to be sure you are staying within your allotted space** or you may have to move them.

FENCING

We love our horse pasture fencing, but it is getting old and cannot take the stress of folks climbing over it. Efforts will be made to reinforce it in 2011, however we ask that, as tempting as it is, to not go over it, and if you must go through, it is at your own risk.

OTHER FIXTURES

If you decide you would like to add your own composters, trellises, the like, feel free provided they are staying within your allotted space and that you are prepared to remove them once you are done. They cannot block pathways. Please be aware that treated wood products are prohibited.

PATHWAYS

Pathways are designed to be at least 4" wide. In some instances, allotments have slowly started to encroach on the pathways, narrowing them significantly in places. Please make an effort to stay within your allotted area and note where you may have exceeded your space and make the necessary adjustments.

Pathways do tend to get weedy and we ask that you help to keep them under control around your allotments. In the past we have used wood chips to top them up, but find that they have become messy and unmanageable in spots. We recommend that where possible, you allow them to grow up naturally so that they can be mowed. Or hoe them down to the dirt level and keep the weeds controlled. **We don't recommend landscape cloth**...it makes it difficult to mow and stake and will eventually have to be taken up. Cardboard or other compostable could be considered but must be topped up with enough sand or soil to keep them in place. Sand is limited and we ask that it be used as a soil amendment first when supplies are low.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

The community garden has a weed-eater, lawn mower, and roto-tiller for gardener use. Because of the inherent safety risks associated with their use (particularly the roto-tiller), only **designated operators** should use them. Any roto-tilling to be done, will be done on a fixed day and by a designated operator. It is *not* for general use. If you are an operator, please be sure you sign a waiver before engaging the machinery.

ROTOTILLING

We try to accommodate gardeners who want their allotments tilled. Because we are relying on old equipment and volunteers to till, we'd ask that you limit your tilling to the fall or spring only. Once your soil is worked, you should be able to dig in any amendments. Frequent tilling destroys soil tilth and health.

WATERING

You will notice that we have an old agricultural watering system in place. While the pressure is excellent, there are times that the system fails or leaks erupt. **In an emergency situation, the water main is located in the top north-west corner of the garden and needs to be turned off. Do not do so unless a major leak is causing damage.** A minor spray or seeping should be brought to the attention of a committee member ASAP.

Watering is the responsibility of the gardener or group holding the agreement. We don't recommend timed systems, however if you decide to set up a timed system that is permanently attached, then we would suggest that you purchase a 'splitter' that allows two hose connections, so that you are not tying up someone else's. It is helpful to get to know your neighbours, as you may be able to help each other out if one of you is away. Applying layers of mulch, and watering deeply should reduce your watering frequency. We are on an agricultural water metering schedule which traditionally is shut-off around September 15th and turned on again around mid April. Please try to water in the mornings or evenings as a conservation practice and as per the local watering restrictions.

WEEDS, MAINTENANCE AND VOLUNTEERING

As part of the gardener agreement, you have been asked to manage the weeds and area around your plot and prevent the spread of weeds to other allotments. In some cases this area would be exclusively yours to maintain and in others that area will be shared. It is recommended that you dig up the weeds when they are young before they go to seed. Then they can be composted. Once they take root, they are difficult to impossible to remove successfully. Please make an effort to remove weeds in your allotment and surrounding pathways before they go to seed. We also have a number of general use areas. These also need to be kept trimmed and weed- free. Please take some time to help manage these areas.

If you have physical limitations, it remains your responsibility to keep your plot in order and to contribute to the general labour of the garden maintenance. This may mean that you will have to get some help from family or friends or fellow gardeners from time to time.

UNATTENDED GARDENS

If gardens remain unattended or are in non compliance, a notice will be given to the gardener to clean it up. If this is not done in a timely manner, the garden will be dug under, or given to another garden to tend.

SMOKING

We would ask that any smokers or guests, do not smoke within 30 metres of the garden area. Please be aware of fire risks in the hot dry portion of the season.

PESTICIDES

The Community Garden is a pesticide-free zone, so we do not permit the use of chemical herbicides or insecticides. Even some "natural" remedies can be harmful to beneficial insects, so please ensure you have adequate information about any such products and use with care. If you notice an infestation, there are reference books in our "library" where you can learn of the appropriate preventative and control measures. We realize that gardening organically means sharing a little with our natural friends. We do expect you to deal with pest infestations mechanically and/or preventatively ie physically remove eggs and pests, avoid planting susceptible crops, the like.

KEYS, WINTERIZING and RENEWAL

All keys must be turned in and garden allotments cleared by this date. Generally, only one key per allotment is provided. Additional or lost keys will be provided or replaced at a cost of \$5. Please report lost keys right away. The gardening season ends October 31, so keys can be left in the drop box in the garden shed up until that time.

At the end of season, when your allotments are cleared out, free of weeds, and prepared for the winter with a cover crop, leaves or cover of your choice, and your key has been turned in on time, you are eligible to renew your allotment for the next year. **You must notify the coordinator of your plans to return by October 15.** Your allotment will then be held in your name until the end of the returning gardener registration period. There will be an **early registration** from **November to December 31** for returning gardeners after which, any allotments left will be open to new gardeners. If you fail to contact the garden representative about your plans or don't get in to register, there is a risk that someone else may be given your allotment.

ORIENTATION MEETING IN THE SPRING

All gardeners new and returning are expected to attend the gardener orientation meeting each spring in April. A notice will information will be provided to you when you register. At the orientation you will be assigned a key and instructions will be provided as per the agreement. It is also expected that you will sign up for your volunteer duties over the summer. With everyone helping and doing their part, we can expect this garden will thrive and continue to provide this service well into the future.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE MADE THIS FIRST GARDEN A SUCCESS. THIS WILL SET AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE GARDEN DEVELOPMENT. WELL DONE!



Regional District of North Okanagan
 East Hill Community Garden
 900 Shantz Road, Vernon

Registration Form / Use Permit

Name of primary allotment holder (print) _____

Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Name or Group or Organization if applicable: _____

Please list any *other individuals expected to be involved in your gardening:

Name	Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Teachers, please list the number and age of students involved and the names of any other adults/students who may be helping at the garden outside of classroom visits: ie over the summer.

No. Students _____ Grades or ages _____

Names of helpers: _____

IMPORTANT * Please ensure that all adults participating have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

Size of allotment requested:

Small (5'x20') \$20 _____ Medium (10'x20') \$30 _____ Large (20'x20') \$40 _____
These dimensions are approximate. Configurations may vary.

The District hereby grants to the User a permit to use the assigned plot in the Community Garden for the consideration and subject to the terms, covenants and conditions herein contained in this document:

Section 1 - Definitions and Interpretation

- 1 In this agreement and every Schedule hereto:
- "City" means the Corporation and the City of Vernon.
 - "Coldstream" means the District of Coldstream.
 - "Facilities" means the space allocated in the Community Garden located at 900 Shantz Road, Vernon, BC.
 - "Manager" means person as the Regional District may employ from time to time as its Manager.
 - "GVSC" means Greater Vernon Services Committee, being a Committee of the Regional District of North Okanagan.
 - "Permit" means the permit hereby granted by the District to the User.
 - "Property" means that part of the property legally described as Lot 1, Plan 16553 (900 Shantz Road, Vernon BC) as shown on the attached sketch.
 - "User" means all identified on this permit who use the Community Garden during the term of this permit and persons invited onto the property by the User.

Section 2 - Term of Permit - Fees and Term

- 2.1 The Permit hereby granted to the User to use the Facilities is for the term of April to October 31st.
- 2.2 In consideration of the grant of this Permit to the User, the User shall pay to the District, Fees in the amount of **\$20, \$30, or \$40** upon registration for a garden plot
- 2.3 The fee will provide the user with an allotment in the size indicated (April - October) and access to water according to the irrigation dates established
- 2.4 The District shall be entitled to cancel this Permit at any time with impunity and in the discretion of the District. Wherever reasonably possible, the District will give reasonable notice of cancellation to the user. Whether or not reasonable notice of cancellation is given by the District, the District shall not be liable to the User for cancellation of this Permit whether for payment of damages, compensation or otherwise, and there shall be no refund of money to the User.

Section 3 - User's Obligations

- 1) **IMPORTANT** I agree to register for and attend a gardener orientation meeting at the start of each season.
- 2) I agree to volunteer 12 hours towards the general operation and maintenance of the garden in addition to the time spent managing my own garden.
- 3) I agree that the garden is primarily for vegetable growing, however, I am welcome to include flowers.
- 4) I understand that I must supply my own seeds, soil amendments (above what will be donated), tools, edging or other garden implements.
- 5) I understand that my allotment will be tilled for the first year of use, but thereafter I am responsible for its maintenance.
- 6) I agree to have something planted in the garden by June 1st and keep it watered and maintained for the entire growing season.
- 7) I agree to keep weeds in and about my allotment from going to seed and trim and maintain the pathways surrounding my plot.
- 8) I will not plant tall crops or place trellises where they would shade a neighbouring plot or allow plants to grow over the pathways.

- 9) I will not use any chemical pesticides (herbicides, insecticides) or chemical fertilizers on my garden.
- 10) I will monitor, report, and address any pest infestations immediately using non-toxic alternative pest control.
- 11) I will pick only my crops, unless permission is granted by the plot user.
- 12) I will not plant invasive species in the garden or surrounding area (note this can include some herbs and flowers)
- 13) I will not bring pets to the garden.
- 14) I will be responsible for the supervision of any children, youth or guests that I bring to the garden and have ensured that anyone sharing my garden responsibilities is aware of the rules of use.
- 15) I understand that the sole activity to be undertaken at the site is vegetable gardening. Any other activities must receive prior permission from the Garden Representative.
- 16) I understand that I must respect the privacy of the property owner and limit my activities to the designated garden area.
- 17) I will make efforts to keep noise to a minimum, including musical devices and avoid any such behaviour thought to be a nuisance.
- 18) I will use only my own tools and supplies with the exception of tools marked and provided for shared use and will put them away after use.
- 19) I will keep my garden area neat, and will not accumulate tools, waste, buckets, or other implements that may obstruct or detract from the garden esthetics.
- 20) I will treat my fellow gardeners with courtesy and respect.
- 21) I will report any concerns, conflicts, or damage promptly to the Garden Representative.
- 22) I agree to adhere to the watering schedule and methods determined by the Garden Committee and will take responsibility for watering my own crops, and/or prearrange a reciprocal agreement with a fellow gardener or with a personal acquaintance if I am away.
- 23) I will use the compost bin for depositing garden waste generated on-site and follow the directions for disposal of seedy weeds and other materials.
- 24) I agree to adhere to the hours of operation from approximately dawn to dusk. I will not remain on the site after dark.
- 25) I agree to adhere to the designated parking areas and follow the directions for loading/unloading zones.
- 26) I agree to have my plot winterized (debris cleared) before Nov 1st.
- 27) I will notify the garden coordinator by **October 15th** if I plan to return to the same plot the following spring (dates may be subject to change).
- 28) I understand that there is NO SMOKING in the garden area and alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are not permitted to be brought to, consumed, or dispensed at the Community Garden at any time.
- 29) I understand that I may not transfer or assign my allotment to any other persons or group without prior consent and approval of the Garden Representative.
- 30) I understand that use of any garden equipment or tools, both motorized and non-motorized comes at my own risk.
- 31) I agree to allow the use of any photos for publicity purposes.
- 32) I agree to share my contact information with my fellow gardeners
- 33) I understand that failure to adhere to any part of this gardener/user agreement will be grounds for forfeiting the continued use of my allotment.

Section 4 - Indemnity

- 4.1 The User agrees that the User will indemnify and save harmless the City, Coldstream, the District, and the property owner, and their respective officers, employees, servants, agents, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims whatsoever including all damage, liability, expenses, costs, including legal or other fees incurred in respect of any such claim, or any cause or proceeding brought thereon arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the granting of this Permit and the use of the Community Garden, save that the User will be under no obligation to indemnify and save harmless the City, Coldstream, the District, and the property owner against or in respect of any damages or judgment rendered against the City, Coldstream, the District, or property owner resulting from or arising out of any negligence of fault on the part of the City, Coldstream, the District, or property owner in connection with the maintenance or condition of the Community Garden to the extent that such damage, loss, or injury was caused or occasioned by the sole negligence of the City, Coldstream, the District, or the property owner.
- 4.2 The aforesaid indemnity shall survive the expiration of the term of this Permit or earlier termination thereof.

Section 5 - Notice

- 5.1 Any notice required or permitted to be given by the District hereunder the User may be delivered to the User or may be mailed by ordinary mail from a post office in Vernon, British Columbia addressed to the User at the address first herein given for the User. Any notice mailed as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been received by the User on the third (3rd) business day (Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays excluded) following the date of posting unless the Canadian Postal Service in Vernon or Vancouver, British Columbia is interrupted by strike or lockout, in which case any such notice to be effective must be delivered as aforesaid or mailed again when the Canadian Postal Service in Vernon and Vancouver, British Columbia, is restored.
- 5.2 Any notice required or permitted to be given by the User to the District shall be given in writing and shall be delivered to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture at 3rd Fl, 3105 - 33rd Street, Vernon, BC V1T 9P7.

Section 6 - General Provisions

- 6.1 The User acknowledges having had an opportunity to inspect the Community Garden, and the User acknowledges and agrees that at the commencement of the term of this Permit the Community Garden is undamaged, in a state of good repair and safe condition, and suitable for the purposes of the User.
- 6.2 The User acknowledges having carefully read this Agreement and every Schedule hereto and having understood the same prior to executing this Agreement on behalf of the User.
- 6.3 The User acknowledges having received a copy of this Agreement when executed by both the User and the District.

EXECUTED BY the User and the District at Vernon, British Columbia on the dates hereinafter specified.

EXECUTED BY the User by its authorized signatory this _____

EXECUTED BY the District this _____

day of _____, 20____

day of _____, 20____

Name of User (Please Print) by it authorized signatory: _____

(Signature of User)

Executed by the District by its authorized signatory:

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Manager)

Community Gardener Checklist Spring/Summer

- I have thoroughly read the handbook and gardener agreement
- I have participated in a general maintenance spring workbee or its equivalent (4 hrs). This does not include my own personal prep time.
- My garden is planted (by June 1)
- My pathways are trimmed and cleared of weeds
- I have signed up to do my share of summer general maintenance (see task list) (4 hrs)
- NEW!** I have measured and re-staked my allotment, so as not to infringe on the pathways and neighbors (4' pathways)
- I have not stored items where they infringe on shared pathways
- My plot is free of large/seedy weeds
- I have added some soil amendments – compost, manure, sand

Please list: _____

Fall/Winter Checklist

- I have cleared all debris from my allotment and put it in the designated compost bin before Oct 31
- I have trimmed, weeded, and cleared up my pathways
- I have added soil amendments to my allotment List: _____
- I have either planted a cover crop or mulched my allotment with leaves or straw.
List _____
- I have returned my key(s) and indicated my plans for next year to the coordinator by the designated date (Oct 15)
- I have participated in the fall general clean up or equivalent (4 hrs). This does not include my personal prep time.

Not returning?

- I have not left perennials in my allotment
- I have taken out all structures and personal belongings and returned the allotment in good order – ready for the next gardener.

Thank you for your cooperation!

East Hill Community Garden Management Structure Roles

Greater Vernon Services: Parks, Recreation, and Culture (RDNO)

- Holds the lease with the property owner
- Provides public liability insurance, assists with agricultural water metering costs
- Provides registration and fee collection via Recreation Centre
- Provides a portapotty
- Delivers other amenities as requested and available in-kind
- Mows the pastured areas not used by the gardeners

They are *not* responsible for the operations of the gardens.

East Hill Community Garden Representative

- Serves as the Liaison with Greater Vernon Services staff, the property owner and the gardeners
- Calls meetings and sets agendas
- Handles all registration processes, promotions, maintains lists, keys, provides information to the Rec Centre, invoices for fees, submits expense requisitions (including water) to the Food Action Society of the North Okanagan (who administers our account)
- Remediation of unattended allotments
- Handles all communications – both public and with the gardeners
- Generally oversees the management of the garden and fills in the blanks

East Hill Community Garden Committee

Assists the Coordinator in managing the day to day operations of the garden, including:

- Holding planning meetings
- Managing the garden monies and budget
- Purchasing any necessary acquisitions
- Ensuring compliance with the lease agreement
- Setting up the watering system
- Setting up the composting system
- Assessing needs and addressing maintenance issues and repairs
- Scheduling workbees and social events
- Helping ensure that the garden is functioning as per the agreement

Food Action Society of the North Okanagan

- Supports the Community Garden Network
- Manages bank accounts on behalf of the community gardens
- Host organization for grant applications