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## Community Garden

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### Policy Statement

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Strathcona County recognizes community gardening as a valuable agricultural activity that can contribute to community development and educational opportunities while increasing food security and community nutrition.

Strathcona County will encourage and support the development of community gardens in suitable locations throughout the County.

### Purpose

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The purpose of this policy is to create a common understanding between Strathcona County and the community which will ensure a predictable environment for new and existing community gardens in regards to their development and support for the near and distant future.

### Definitions

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Community Garden – An agricultural or community development activity where a piece of land is gardened collectively by members of the community. This garden is used to grow vegetables and flowers for the personal use of those using the garden or for donation to a non-profit organization. The community garden may be divided into plots that are assigned to individuals or families; however, members of the group retain responsibility for the management and operation of the garden.

### Guidelines

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This policy will provide direction for both community gardens on public and private land.

For community gardens on public land, Strathcona County will provide:

- Support for the establishment and maintenance of the garden as outlined in the procedures
- Communication support for the program

For community gardens on private land, Strathcona County will provide:

- Communication support for the program

Strathcona County will consider community garden projects that:

- Provide an agricultural, community development, institutional or educational opportunity
- Create a liveable community

Strathcona County will not consider community garden projects that:

- Are solely for the purpose of personal gain

- Are exclusive in use, or in other ways fail to benefit the community

Community garden projects within Strathcona County will:

- Provide opportunities that are open to all residents of Strathcona County
- Contribute to a sense of community

## **Policy Record**

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