



# EGP Farms

Who knew that a little patch of land could create so much value!



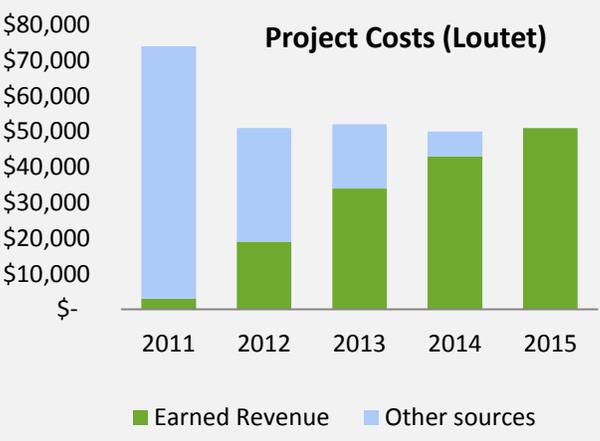
**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



Once set up, the farm sustains itself



Project Costs include: Farmer's wage (40 hrs/week), volunteer coordinator wage (6 hrs/week), manager wage (6 hrs/week), seeds, supplies, tools and equipment.

- 1000+** Children learning outdoors
- 2500** Local residents connect in their neighbourhood
- 9,500** Lbs of fresh, delicious produce
- 2080** Hours of employment; **5** Internships
- 1723** Hours of volunteering
- \$54,900** Local dollars generated
- 500** Cubic yards of waste diverted from the landfill

90% of the produce grown is sold directly to customers. We also supply local restaurants like the S'wich Cafe, Ethical Kitchen, Bluhouse Cafe and the Pear Tree Restaurant.

**\$0**

Public cost to maintain greenspace

**\$54,900**

Local dollars generated



Volunteers' dinner, Loutet Farm, Aug. 29, 2013

The garden is host to many events such as community dinners and potlucks.

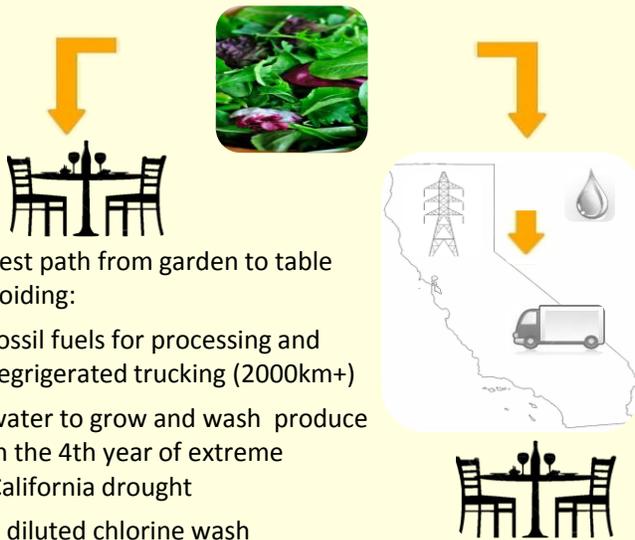
# Local Food Makes Senses

One bag of salad greens

Two very different paths to your table:

EGP FARMS

GROCERY STORE



The shortest path from garden to table means avoiding:

- fossil fuels for processing and refrigerated trucking (2000km+)
- water to grow and wash produce in the 4th year of extreme California drought
- a diluted chlorine wash

# Outdoor Classroom



Only 32% of children aged 4-8 meet guidelines for servings of fruits and vegetables.

Empirical research shows that *Garden Based Learning*:

- Improves **diet, health, physical activity, and environmental awareness**
- Improve **student grades, attitudes and behaviour**. Majority of studies found test score improvements in science (93%), math (80%), language arts (72%).

*Williams, D. and Dixon, P.S. (2013)*

# Growing food is an integral part of community

“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.” - J.R.R. Tolkien

Growing and eating food is an international language that builds community.

People everywhere value food production and want to know where their food comes from.

A recent survey of Metro Vancouver found that:

- **1 in 4** respondents reported **feeling alone** more often than they would like.
- **72%** said they had **not socialized with a neighbour** in the previous 12 months.
- **46%** say the reason they don't know their neighbours is that they **rarely see them**.

*Vancouver Foundation, Connections and Engagement, June 2012*

**Share of Canadians that agree with the following statement:**



*Ipsos Poll, June 2015*

EGP Farms brought together **over 3000** local residents in 2015, including **408** volunteers. Here's what they told us what they gained.



**81%** of British Columbians ranked **Farming and Growing Food** in the **top 2** of 15 potential land uses.

*McAllister Opinion Research, 2014*