



EGP Farms

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



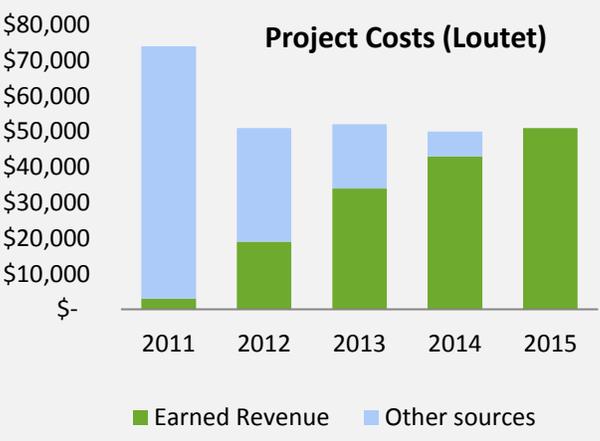
BEFORE



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:

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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.

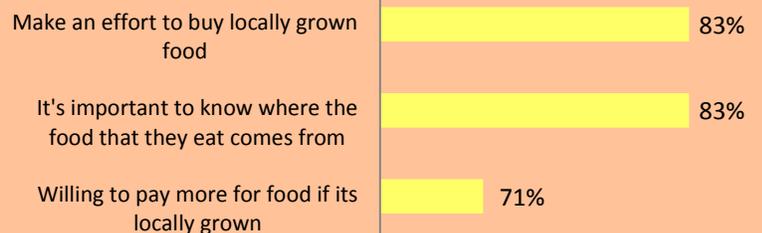
People everywhere value food production and want to know where their food comes from.

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