

North Shore Food Action E-Brief



Food security is a broad concept, encompassing the safety, quality and sustainability of our food supply, and access to a healthy diet. Vancouver Coastal Health is working with many partners toward the goal that all residents have access to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious, culturally appropriate foods, produced in an environmentally sustainable way and provided in a manner that promotes dignity. Through these E-Brief's, we hope to disseminate useful information that will build our capacity to be food secure.

Please send your updates to Margaret.Broughton@vch.ca. You are welcome to distribute the E-Brief to your networks.

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North Shore Connections

District of North Vancouver residents your input is needed

This survey seeks to understand residents' interest in growing and purchasing local food and opinions about using public land for community gardens. Please pass the link to your neighbours!

<http://surveys.vch.ca/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?s=327A27C5EE294974B0E4850BF5C6F0F0>

FRESH

The City of North Vancouver 'Green City Living' film and speaker series continues on July 27th (7-9pm, CNV Hall – Council Chambers, 141 E 14th Street) with a showing of the movie FRESH. Join Councillor Craig Keating and local sustainable agriculture experts for a discussion after the movie.

The North Shore Fruit Tree Project is up and running!

Help us get fruit off trees on onto the plates of our neighbours in need! Volunteers will be able to keep up to 1/4 of the fruit picked. There are three ways for fruit tree owners to register their trees, and for volunteer pickers to register individually or in groups: Via the internet at www.northshorefruittreeproject.ca, by email at nsftp@shaw.ca, or leave a message at 604-983-6444 (ext. 640)

GardenSmart Workshops

Workshops on food gardening topics are ongoing through the summer. See <http://www.gardensmart.ca/>

Food Security Gateway

(<http://www.phabc.org/foodsecuritygateway>) and **Bits and Bytes** (<http://www.bitsandbytes.ca>) to access additional information and resources.

Food Security

BC Food Systems Network and the Network's Annual Gathering

Please consider joining the network, mark your calendars and start putting aside funds or fundraising to our annual Gathering!

Sept. 24-26, Ymir, BC. Stay tuned to www.fooddemocracy.org for the details.

Policy Guide on Community and Regional Food Planning

Planners have paid less attention to food issues when compared with long-standing planning topics such as economic development, transportation, the environment, and housing. This guide gives sound direction for planners to include food. For guide: <http://www.planning.org/policy/guides/adopted/food.htm>

Food and Agriculture

NFU Warns of Family Farm Takeovers

The National Farmers Union is warning that the Canadian family farm is under threat from increased corporate control and foreign ownership. Full story: <http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2010/06/07/sask-nfu-report-farms-corporate-ownership.html#ixzz0r9IEh1Pm>

Hidden Costs of Industrial Agriculture

Industrial agriculture is sometimes considered a great success. But is it? It has had large, complex effects on our environment, our economy, and our urban and rural social fabric. A new awareness of the costs is beginning to suggest that the benefits are not as great as they formerly appeared. Read more:

http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/science_and_impacts/impacts_industrial_agriculture/costs-and-benefits-of.html

Food and Environment

The Climate-Friendly Gardener

A Guide to Combating Global Warming from the Ground Up shows you how to reduce the impact of climate change in your own backyard. Full report: http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/what_you_can_do/the-climate-friendly-gardener.html

Charting Adaptation

The Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research (PAR) is collecting and synthesizing information about climate adaptation strategies based on the use of agrobiodiversity and indigenous knowledge. To read results:

http://www.agrobiodiversityplatform.org/blog/?page_id=2559

Workshops and Courses

11th World Congress on Environmental Health

The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) together with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) invites you to be part of the 11th World Congress on Environmental Health in Vancouver - September 5 - 10 2010. For more information: <http://www.ifeh2010.org/>

Funding/ Requests for Proposals/Call for Papers

Community Impact Grants

Vancouver Foundation's Community Impact Grants provide grants to registered charities throughout BC in nine fields of interest. Fields that would appeal to food security organizations are environment, health and social development.

To read more: <http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/grants/index.htm>



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