



# 2022 Annual Report on Richmond Farm School @ Gilbert Road

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# 2022 Richmond Farm School



## Summary of Operation

- One day a week (on Saturdays from late March to mid November 2022)
- 20 students enrolled
- 13 incubator farmers
- 1.5 FTE staff time and 5 industry experts



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## Land Use

- 2.5 acres of teaching
  - 3/4 acres of mixed vegetables, herbs and flowers
  - 1.5 acres of apples and pears
- 3.3 acres allocated to incubator farmers

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## Site Upgrades

- Perimeter security fencing
- Shipping container for storage
- New processing area
- Access road improvement

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## Grants and Donations

- Seeds donation from West Coast Seed (\$5,000 in-kind)
- Compost donation from the City of Richmond (\$25,000 in-kind)
- Good Food Access Fund and Canada Summer Jobs (\$15,490)



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## Community Outreach

- Farm tours
- Food donations to local community organizations
- Finalist of the REF BC Land Awards
- YouTube videos
  - ❖ <https://youtu.be/eCU53qrNk5A>
  - ❖ <https://youtu.be/Z8gVmuYGVUc>
  - ❖ <https://youtu.be/QnQktsqymNU>

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## Financial Overview

- \$110,090 in revenues (enrollment, grants, product sales)
- \$92,900 in expenses (farming supplies, staffing, and indirect costs)
- Revenue – expenses = \$17,190

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## Highlights and Progress

- Over 100 people waitlist for next year program
- Staffing issue (coordinator and field staff)
- Focuses on farm business incubator program
  - 13 incubator farmers
  - 1.8 acres
- Outreach initiatives: immigrant farmers, food donations, farm tours, volunteer program, community workshops
- Theft