

Wallapak Polasub Institute for Sustainable Food Systems

2022 Annual Report on Richmond Farm School @ Gilbert Road











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



Land Use

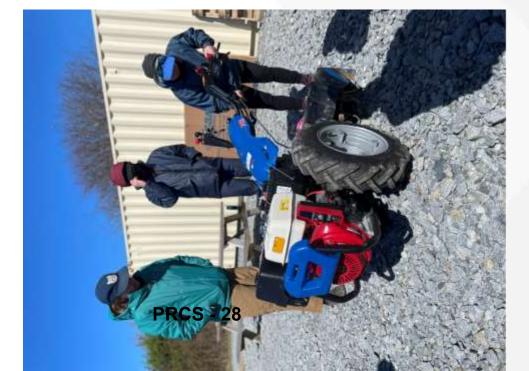
- 2.5 acres of teaching
- 3/4 acres of mixed vegetables, herbs and flowers 0
- 1.5 acres of apples and pears

PRCS - 27

3.3 acres allocated to incubator farmers







Site Upgrades

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



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)





Community Outreach

- Farm tours
- Food donations to local community organizations
- Finalist of the REF BC Land Awards
- YouTube videos
- https://youtu.be/eCU53grNk5A
- https://youtu.be/Z8gVmuYGVUc
- https://youtu.be/OnOktsqymNU



Financial Overview

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





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
- donations, farm tours, volunteer program, community Outreach initiatives: immigrant farmers, food workshops
- Theft

