

Appendix B: City programs that increase food and pollinator plants on municipal land in 2021-2022

The table below summarizes existing City programs that are providing incremental increases in food and pollinator plants on municipal land in 2021-2022.

Growing in the City Programs and Grants	
<i>Get Growing, Victoria!</i>	80,000 seedlings and 300 cubic yards of garden material will be distributed in 2021. Most seedlings and materials distributed under this program are used in private gardens, some are used by community-led projects on City land.
Community Gardens	Two new community gardens (Oaklands and James Bay) were approved by Council in February 2021. Staff are supporting the development of proposals for four new community gardens and the expansion of two existing gardens. There are 20 community gardens in the City, three on private and 17 on City land, one of which is under construction in 2021.
City-Built Community-Run Allotment Garden	Preliminary planning for this project has begun. Resources to engage the public and develop the design of the garden will be included in the 2022 financial plan. The City-built, community-run allotment garden will significantly increase food and pollinator plants on municipal lands.
Boulevard Gardens	Property owners can create gardens on boulevards immediately adjacent to their property. They can also give tenants or other groups permission to garden in these spaces.
Urban Food Tree Stewardship	Residents can partner with non-profit organizations and apply to plant, maintain, and harvest food trees on City land. The City works with residents to find suitable locations and assists with and supervises tree planting.
Grants	Over \$200,000 in City grants were issued in 2020, supporting community-led projects that increase food and pollinator plants on City land. These include the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator Grant, Micro-Grant, New Community Garden Start-Up Grant, My Great Neighbourhood Grants, and the Participatory Budgeting Process Grant. A minimum amount of \$170,000 is anticipated to be issued in 2021.
Park Operations	
Horticulture	In 2021 the City is renovating an existing planting in the Fairfield/Gonzales neighbourhood to implement a 50 square meter pollinator garden.
Turf Management	The City collects leaves and branches through annual pick-up programs. Leaf mulch, compost, and wood chips are delivered bi-annually to community gardens and other eligible projects. In 2021, 250 cubic yards of materials will be distributed to community gardens and other eligible projects. These materials are also used in the City's own park operations.
Natural Areas	In 2021, pollinator friendly plantings include adding a natural area to the Ryan St Greenway; maintenance of a native restoration planting on May St; and hydroseeding the restored Holland Point Park bluff slump.
Urban Forestry	Inventorying existing public food trees is under way in 2021. 678 trees were planted on City land since the Trees in Cities Challenge was launched in January 2020, three of which are food trees (edible chestnuts). In 2021, Urban Forestry will plant two food trees.