



Implementation of A Community Food Action Plan

Early Implementation of a Plan Food Security In Action Cortes Island, Linnaea Farm (\$8,500 3rd year funding)

There are approximately 900 people living on Cortes Island year round with the population doubling in the summer months. Linnaea Farm on a land trust is located on Cortes Island and comprises 315 acres of forests, fields, orchards and gardens. A small group of adults and children are the resident stewards who operate an experimental farm and tend several annual and perennial vegetables, herbs, berries and ornamentals along with 30 acres of pasture and hay fields with cows, horses, sheep, chickens and bees. This third year of funding will build on the previous work of engaging the community and developing a food secure Cortes island. Specifically, the project will assist in implementing a Community Supported Agriculture project, addressing food access for residents living on low income, and facilitate a local Salmon Symposium.

Early Implementation of a Plan 'The Hub' Let Us Share the Harvest (LUSH Valley) (\$20,000 3rd year of funding)

In 2006, the Comox Valley population is reported at approximately 67,000 people of whom 4,500 are of aboriginal. Although the Valley is rich in natural resources, has a skilled workforce, and a diverse economic base the housing and rental accommodation has moved beyond the capacity of the average wage earner putting even greater stress on the ability to purchase nutritional food. LUSH Valley's vision for the Valley is that in partnership with the community we will pool our resources to improve the health, personal wellness of the population while stressing ecological sustainability. Some of the activities that 'the Hub' project includes are a Food Buying Club for non-profits, food growing workshops, developing a three year plan and reviewing what indicators make a Food Charter successful.

Capital Families Early Implementation of Food Security Plan (\$14,950 3rd year funding)

Capital Families Association is the champion of the initiative and is located in the West Shore municipalities of Colwood, Langford, View Royal, Metchosin and the Highlands. The Association has successfully developed and implemented three initiatives within a two-year time frame. Two initiatives are in the process and close to becoming self-sustaining - a community garden and a multi-faceted community farmer's market. Food production has been identified as a major challenge in this area. Simultaneously, it is recognized that there is enormous potential to grow food on the agricultural lands and backyards that are not currently in production. The Capital Families team continues to work on implementing planning initiatives involving consumers, producers and

municipalities with the aim of integrating and addressing food policy issues and laying the foundations for greater food production.

Early Implementation of CFAI Plan: Capital Region – Food and Agriculture Roundtable (CR-FAIR) Putting Food & Food Policy on the Table, III (\$20,000 3rd year funding)

The community involved in this project is defined geographically as BC's Capital Region, which includes the area south of the Malahat, west to Port Renfrew and east to the Gulf Island. The overall purpose of the Plan is to strengthen community food security in the Capital Region through a comprehensive and integrated approach. CR-FAIR continues to provide valuable leadership in the Capital's Region specifically with their forums, communications e-briefs and coordinating role with a diverse constituency. CR-FAIR is a coalition of organizations concerned with food access and food supply in the south Vancouver Island region, from seed to dinner plate. In Phase III the top priorities include strengthening food and agriculture education and training, strengthen local agriculture (farmlands and farming), and, build access to healthy food.