

Parksville Resident Survey 2010 - QUESTION #17 (separated "important" and "not important")

Do you believe that having farm land within the City is:

Question #17 - "Important" - Answer

Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Important	100.0%	886
Not important	0.0%	0
Comments:		223
	<i>answered question</i>	886
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

Response Date	Comments associated with "Important" responses:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
May 18, 2010 1:24 AM	Important for reducing carbon emissions	climate control		
May 24, 2010 12:18 AM	especially if it is used for community gardens and green space for general usage	community gardens	green space	
May 25, 2010 5:51 PM	Community gardens are very important. Farm land for local food supply very important.	community gardens	local food	
Jun 4, 2010 10:29 PM	Should have community garden. New housing developments should have to have a garden area. Encourage people to grow more food in their own yards.	community gardens	local food	
May 18, 2010 11:32 PM	Not only within the city, but surrounding the city. Community Gardens are also important within the City.	community gardens		
May 25, 2010 10:35 PM	If it means community gardens	community gardens		
May 28, 2010 10:41 PM	Naniamo has community gardens where some plots are given to those in need and the others are rented to those who can afford it.	community gardens		
May 31, 2010 9:59 PM	Gardens (small)	community gardens		
Jun 3, 2010 5:21 PM	Especially garden plots so people can grow food.	community gardens		
Jun 7, 2010 4:49 PM	If community gardens are considered farm land, then yes it is important. Pig farms should not be located within the city.	community gardens		
Jun 11, 2010 9:43 PM	Important, but not always practical. Community gardens are a good thing.	community gardens		
Jun 14, 2010 4:13 PM	I believe it's important to have garden space for people--not big farms, just a plot where people can grow food or pretty flowers. Don't get rid of farms on the outskirts. Don't give ALR land to developers.	community gardens		
Jun 17, 2010 10:23 PM	Not necessarily 'farms' but things like the community garden.	community gardens		

Jun 18, 2010 4:02 PM	With possible use as rented community garden sites, if not cultivated by the owner.	community gardens		
Jun 15, 2010 3:10 PM	Having farm land is very important. If citizens don't want it in town, perhaps a buffer zone should be established. A good place for green space.	development buffer	green space	
Jun 18, 2010 10:32 PM	Never change ALR to allow housing subdivisions. These areas of green are what gives us the semi-rural charm.	development buffer	green space	
May 18, 2010 10:12 PM	too much growth is not good	development buffer		
May 20, 2010 5:13 PM	Takes away from city development plans.	development buffer		
Jun 8, 2010 8:18 PM	Would rather have farm land than mass housing.	development buffer		
Jun 10, 2010 3:34 PM	To keep development down.	development buffer		
Jun 15, 2010 6:13 PM	Having farmland within the city provides a buffer area on the city's perimeter in which the city can control development.	development buffer		
Jun 18, 2010 5:59 PM	Taking farmland out, which we need for food and to help with our water system, would result in too many more houses and put a further strain on our water supply.	development buffer		
May 25, 2010 3:49 PM	Gives kids a chance to see livestock.	educational		
Jun 10, 2010 4:15 PM	It's important to remind people where our resources come from.	educational		
Jun 15, 2010 6:25 PM	Reminds us of our dependence on natural systems.	educational		
May 15, 2010 7:43 PM	this creates green space for animals and air quality stabilization. Blacktop and cement elevate the cities temperature and its' feel is lost. DO NOT equate everything in dollar values.	green space	climate control	
Jun 11, 2010 4:52 PM	If it enhances the "green" area its positive - it would make a great community garden.	green space	community gardens	
Jun 10, 2010 9:41 PM	It is green space and very necessary to the ecosystem. It is the only way to save land from development, unless it is a provincial park.	green space	development buffer	
May 26, 2010 9:03 PM	It's clean, it's natural. It is our only industry.	green space	economy	
Jun 14, 2010 6:11 PM	Part of green space. Market gardening--private and commercial.	green space	local food	
Jun 7, 2010 8:13 PM	Very--keep the city green and mixed use.	green space	mixed land use	
May 17, 2010 5:04 PM	Green space and farmland are an important balance along with housing and business areas.	green space	mixed land use important	
May 13, 2010 5:36 PM	all types of land are needed within the city - agricultural, estuary, wetland, green space. downtown intensification/densification, parks	green space		
May 18, 2010 11:55 PM	I like the green spaces.	green space		
May 19, 2010 4:14 PM	Green space is important - preserve valuable agricultural land	green space		

May 19, 2010 6:57 PM	More green space.	green space		
May 19, 2010 9:27 PM	adds green dimension to the city	green space		
May 20, 2010 8:39 PM	We have little green space (parks) in the residential areas.	green space		
May 21, 2010 9:26 PM	Adds to landscape of town.	green space		
May 21, 2010 10:38 PM	When will everyone wake up and realise all green space is important.	green space		
May 26, 2010 7:56 PM	the main reason most of us are here was to get away from the : "cement Jungle" the most progressive citys/ communities are moving to a more " Green" enviroment...	green space		
May 26, 2010 9:11 PM	Adds to the urban/rural beauty of Parksville.	green space		
May 26, 2010 9:23 PM	More green space is needed.	green space		
May 29, 2010 1:22 AM	Cannot over-emphasize the importance of green space!	green space		
May 31, 2010 4:21 PM	Green space needed. Do not remove from ALR.	green space		
Jun 1, 2010 6:49 PM	Keep the green space.	green space		
Jun 2, 2010 9:29 PM	Keep as some type of green area	green space		
Jun 2, 2010 10:35 PM	It also preserves our natural environment	green space		
Jun 10, 2010 3:51 PM	Provides green space.	green space		
Jun 17, 2010 4:13 PM	Green space is essential, farmed or not.	green space		
May 19, 2010 9:10 PM	The farm is part of our heritage.	heritage		
May 17, 2010 8:59 PM	All viable farm land should be preserved for present and future food needs of society.	if viable	local food	
May 14, 2010 4:08 PM	if it is actively growing something to support people	if viable		
May 18, 2010 10:06 PM	IF it's productive. If not is should be used for housing or parks.	if viable		
May 19, 2010 9:36 PM	Important to keep excellent fertile soil for agricultural use.	if viable		
May 20, 2010 6:00 PM	Only if a farmer can make a living off the land.	if viable		
May 22, 2010 11:54 PM	Land should only be removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve if it is deemed to be unsuitable for agricultural production based on an independent third-party assessment of its soil quality and/or water availability.	if viable		
May 25, 2010 4:40 PM	Only if it is usable for farming--not animals.	if viable		
May 26, 2010 1:53 AM	If the land can be used as viable farmland	if viable		
May 26, 2010 4:27 PM	If it's good farm land and used.	if viable		
May 26, 2010 7:13 PM	only if it is "used" as such	if viable		
May 28, 2010 9:10 PM	If it is "A" agricultural land.	if viable		
Jun 2, 2010 8:19 PM	Only if producing something agricultural. Otherwise, no opinion.	if viable		
Jun 2, 2010 8:33 PM	If it is existing farmland.	if viable		
Jun 2, 2010 9:14 PM	When it's gone, it's gone. If it's still arable, that is.	if viable		
Jun 3, 2010 3:53 PM	But only if it's being used and not just sitting empty.	if viable		
Jun 4, 2010 9:26 PM	For established working farms	if viable		
Jun 7, 2010 6:00 PM	Protecting airable land from development is very important to me, and all of us eventually.	if viable		

Jun 10, 2010 4:56 PM	If farm uses are allowed. Smells, traffic, fences, etc. are part of farms. Farmers should be paid for keeping land--not taxed; paid for farming.	if viable		
Jun 16, 2010 10:40 PM	Only if it is class 1 or 2 so it can be used for many purposes.	if viable		
Jun 17, 2010 5:24 PM	What little there is should generally be preserved unless clearly not viable for agriculture use.	if viable		
Jun 4, 2010 6:56 PM	Food security is very important and so are community gardens. Keep ALR property in ALR	local food	community gardens	
May 13, 2010 4:35 AM	It provides food and a barrier to development. Yes.	local food	development buffer	
May 25, 2010 8:41 PM	Yes, and include farmers market. Do not convert farm land to business/housing.	local food	development buffer	
May 12, 2010 5:05 AM	It not only feeds the local population, it also supplies educational opportunities, work experience for young workers along with feelings of community and 'connectedness' to that community.	local food	educational	jobs
May 9, 2010 4:55 PM	We should have green space, open space, growing space and food growing space within the city. BUY/EAT LOCAL.	local food	green space	
May 18, 2010 4:10 PM	very, including more arable land for growing, and wetlands and greenspace	local food	green space	
May 25, 2010 4:15 PM	Food security an important issue. Some over populated cities are now removing concrete for green space.	local food	green space	
May 22, 2010 4:32 PM	I don't think the farmland has to be right in the heart, but it's important to preserve some arable farmland. I think vegetable/fruit growing should be encouraged locally, while animal stocks not so much. I think we have to be sensible about ALR land within the community - if it is not usable for farming, allow other green uses.	local food	if viable	green space
May 18, 2010 6:04 PM	If you have the opportunity to grow things. Don't pave or build on good land.	local food	if viable	
May 8, 2010 1:27 AM	We need to practice the 100 mile diet and be self sufficient on this island	local food		
May 12, 2010 6:45 PM	use it for gardens and local food supply! - [] AND spelling error in next question....	local food		
May 14, 2010 2:11 AM	I think local food production is crucial to a sustainable future and is especially important for a small town like Parksville where we still have that possibility/	local food		
May 19, 2010 10:46 PM	Food doesn't come from a store.	local food		
May 20, 2010 4:54 PM	Local farming is important for a community.	local food		
May 21, 2010 12:56 AM	Very important. We can't rely on getting all our food from down south. We could, (if we were free of rabbits), fill our local veggie needs locally. Maybe give the growers a break, as we give other industries a break.	local food		
May 21, 2010 4:14 PM	We talk about sustainability on the island, and all farm land should be preserved or it's an unattainable goal.	local food		

May 21, 2010 4:42 PM	local food production and distribution needs to be improved	local food		
May 22, 2010 3:50 AM	Food self sufficiency and local agriculture will become ever more important. Plan for it.	local food		
May 24, 2010 7:24 AM	I believe that any island community must ultimately be responsible for its own survival. The more farmland we have at hand the better off we will be, and the more respect we will have for those who provide for our basic necessities.	local food		
May 25, 2010 5:03 PM	Direct to you produce, etc. is always better than trucked in. Local is fresher and you can deal at arm's length.	local food		
May 25, 2010 8:17 PM	If you mean garden plots for local foods, the answer is yes.	local food		
May 26, 2010 10:46 PM	We should be doing everything we can to produce as much food as possible locally.	local food		
May 27, 2010 3:24 AM	We need to think about our future sustainability and our carbon footprint.	local food		
May 27, 2010 5:45 PM	Local food sources--very important.	local food		
May 27, 2010 9:02 PM	That's the 'roots' of subsistence. Once that's gone it's gone. Can't buy milk at the store without the cow in its own domain.	local food		
May 27, 2010 10:56 PM	There should be more emphasis on the use of it to produce more food . And allow the owners to develop the land so that it can be used for that purpose. don't back them in the corner by not allowing anything to improve the land and making it viable for the owners to keep the land and don't sell out to a more powerful company that does manage to develop the land in adverse ways.	local food		
May 28, 2010 3:08 AM	Important to have access to fresh local grown food.	local food		
May 31, 2010 4:36 PM	grow locally	local food		
May 31, 2010 8:40 PM	We need to focus on being more self-sufficient. Food is one of our most important, basic needs. We should be encouraging people to grow their own food.	local food		
May 31, 2010 9:38 PM	Encourage closer-to-home food sources and marketing.	local food		
Jun 1, 2010 6:22 PM	This helps to preserve our community atmosphere and provide local resources avoiding the big city atmosphere.	local food		
Jun 1, 2010 8:49 PM	Self-sustainability in our food production should be a number one priority in the city of Parksville.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 3:30 PM	If we don't acknowledge the importance of having arable land to grow food for our hungry mouths we are doomed. This includes encouraging people to "farm" their own yards; gardens, small chicken flocks.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 8:24 PM	Some day people will find out you need land to be able to eat and grow your own vegetables, keep chickens, raise beef or mutton. So much healthier than eating sprayed food and hormone filled beef.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 9:01 PM	We should be more self-sufficient.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 9:41 PM	Like to eat?	local food		

Jun 3, 2010 4:47 PM	This idea would be great if the land was used for growing garden food.	local food		
Jun 3, 2010 6:34 PM	We should strive to be self sufficient, food wise, and support our local farmers.	local food		
Jun 3, 2010 10:50 PM	Only if its growing produce	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 4:24 PM	Local fruit and vegetables	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 6:41 PM	very important, self sustainment for a community can only help	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 8:36 PM	We have put too much control in goverment hands of our food supply. Resume local--100 mile.	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 10:15 PM	Depends on what kind of farm. Vegetables and fruit, yes.	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 10:48 PM	To a degree in order to support feeding ourselves.	local food		
Jun 7, 2010 6:00 PM	Food security.	local food		
Jun 7, 2010 6:12 PM	If used for produce--fruit and veg, organic, sold locally.	local food		
Jun 8, 2010 3:51 PM	If we are to buy local, then we need to have farms and markets in the town limits.	local food		
Jun 8, 2010 6:25 PM	Easily accessible farms for all residents and tourists. Make produce, etc. handy.	local food		
Jun 9, 2010 8:39 PM	We need to eat locally, support local farmers	local food		
Jun 10, 2010 5:14 PM	It's critical. As transportation costs rise, the ability to buy local food cannot be overestimated. Local farms should be supported and encouraged.	local food		
Jun 10, 2010 5:25 PM	Farming is needed to sustain a community; always has been and alway should be.	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 3:41 PM	Especially market gardens, small farms to provide direct access to local farm products.	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 5:23 PM	If the city helps to turn it into profit, like market gardening.	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 6:33 PM	Help ameliorate impending food shortage	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 6:44 PM	Local food production is very important. It is unwise to be so dependent on imported food.	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 6:48 PM	Hopefully local produce could appear in stores	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 6:49 PM	Diversity and local farming/produce markets are what is needed. Less dependence on imported produce/goods.	local food		
Jun 11, 2010 10:48 PM	As long as its not pig or chicken farms. Food should be grown locally.	local food		
Jun 14, 2010 3:18 PM	If the farm produces something useful to the population.	local food		
Jun 14, 2010 6:09 PM	Close to market production is sustainable.	local food		
Jun 15, 2010 2:54 PM	People would be able to get fresh vegetables from the farms.	local food		
Jun 15, 2010 3:34 PM	Encourage existing ALR/farmland within city limits to produce products (crops/livestock) instead of holding out for speculation. If they don't want to work the land, they should lease it to someone who will.	local food		
Jun 15, 2010 5:11 PM	Small acreages for family sustenance and local produce for income and community viability.	local food		

Jun 15, 2010 8:44 PM	Local sustainability.	local food		
Jun 16, 2010 4:23 PM	Vancouver Island, especially Parksville, should produce their own food as much as possible.	local food		
Jun 16, 2010 8:36 PM	Local food production is a key element of a sustainable community.	local food		
Jun 17, 2010 3:23 PM	We should be working towards food self-sustainability as we are a geographically vulnerable population. Also, for the health benefits.	local food		
Jun 17, 2010 6:11 PM	In some cases in order to accommodate growth, farm land is needed.	local food		
Jun 18, 2010 3:44 PM	Eliminating agri-business helps no one. We need local food sources.	local food		
Jun 18, 2010 6:23 PM	If there is farmland (ALR) within the city, it should be utilized as farmland; ie, growing food crops.	local food		
Jun 18, 2010 6:55 PM	Keep what we have. The world is going to need farmland in population centres.	local food		
Jun 21, 2010 4:21 PM	I would like to see more land set aside for vegetable gardens.	local food		
Jun 21, 2010 5:11 PM	Most definitely. Farmers markets are the way of the future.	local food		
Jun 21, 2010 6:38 PM	Encourage local farming.	local food		
May 14, 2010 8:03 PM	A mix of land use is essential for a healthy society	mixed land use important		
May 20, 2010 4:19 PM	This is a significant topic. If ALR commission politicians could rationally address uses--creative multi-uses, self sustaining elements.	mixed land use important		
Jun 17, 2010 10:49 PM	We need variety.	mixed land use important		
Jun 18, 2010 4:18 PM	Balances the whole community.	mixed land use important		
May 19, 2010 9:38 PM	Farm land for this community and area is important to retain the flavour and openness that brought many of the citizens to the area. Perish the thought that we should develop into a city of pavement without the green areas and naturalness that exists throughout now. I, for one, enjoy looking out and seeing wild life around me, watching the deer, rabbits and birds in their natural state. Slow down when I find deer on the side of the streets or let a covey of quail cross the road in front of me. A farm is our touch with the land and the earth and should never be put out of reach.	open space	green space	
May 17, 2010 6:21 PM	keeps small town feeling	small town, rural feeling		
May 18, 2010 4:12 PM	Farm land with in the city give a small town, friendly feel to the city and give people a chance to see the different styles of living that we have with in our city.	small town, rural feeling		
Jun 4, 2010 5:04 PM	It keeps the rural feel.	small town, rural feeling		
Jun 11, 2010 9:10 PM	Keeps the quaint town feel.	small town, rural feeling		

Jun 15, 2010 8:07 PM	I chose Parksville precisely because it still has country-town charm.	small town, rural feeling		
Jun 11, 2010 3:42 PM	Especially tourism type agriculture; ie, organic farm gardens with onsite markets.	tourism	local food	
Jun 4, 2010 9:36 PM	Adds character for tourist attraction.	tourism		
Jun 18, 2010 8:41 PM	Only when the farm is a tourist attraction.	tourism		
May 10, 2010 4:08 AM	Not only do we need farmland in the City, but also wetlands such as the Estuary and around the perimeter of the city as at the Ermineskin and Cedar Ridge wetland areas.			
May 16, 2010 5:33 PM	However, we need to clearly define what is farm land. This should be described in detail in official community plan.			
May 19, 2010 4:16 AM	Farm land within the city should be protected most definitely.			
May 19, 2010 4:05 PM	Very important.			
May 19, 2010 5:51 PM	Farm land in small areas encouraged and gardening encouraged.			
May 19, 2010 10:01 PM	Very - some people have hard time with money - could help them at home			
May 21, 2010 6:48 PM	Extremely so! No exceptions to ALR.			
May 21, 2010 6:53 PM	Farm land is very important but should not be in the city limits or in the downtown core.			
May 23, 2010 6:46 AM	is nice as long as everybody looks after the land and keeps it looking nice. Can get dirty looking if upkeep is not done right.			
May 25, 2010 2:24 AM	In the area not in the city			
May 25, 2010 9:40 PM	We need more!			
May 26, 2010 3:47 PM	But kept on perimeter.			
May 26, 2010 5:12 PM	I don't know why, but I feel like if I say no, I'll be saying yes to something ominous?			
May 26, 2010 5:52 PM	If expansion is considered, then this must be considered also.			
May 26, 2010 10:16 PM	Absolutely.			
May 27, 2010 10:08 PM	It's part of the charm of this area.			
May 28, 2010 8:43 PM	Do not take land out of the ALR.			
May 28, 2010 9:09 PM	Extremely important!			
May 28, 2010 9:38 PM	Farm land should be preserved wherever it is. 'They' aren't making it anymore.			
May 28, 2010 10:52 PM	And this is defined as??			
May 31, 2010 5:46 PM	I love the fact that 2 minutes out of town is Coombs and farm country.			
May 31, 2010 9:48 PM	extremely important			
May 31, 2010 10:32 PM	Once it's gone, can never be replaced.			
Jun 1, 2010 3:40 PM	Chickens should be allowed for laying eggs.			
Jun 1, 2010 10:38 PM	The reason people live in this community.			
Jun 1, 2010 10:43 PM	Very important!			

Jun 2, 2010 3:44 PM	Crops should be produced			
Jun 2, 2010 8:42 PM	Leave it alone.			
Jun 2, 2010 10:02 PM	If the City allows it, it should be a working farm.			
Jun 2, 2010 10:51 PM	Do not want pavement everywhere.			
Jun 3, 2010 3:30 PM	Errington and Coombs are wonderful!			
Jun 3, 2010 5:09 PM	But City folk want country atmosphere without some of the side effects of viable farm operations - cows "in heat", anti duck & geese measures, chicken noises from "free range" operations, etc. etc.			
Jun 3, 2010 5:44 PM	We have to make use of our farmland to support our local farmers.			
Jun 3, 2010 9:59 PM	Promote community and environmentally friendly way of living.			
Jun 4, 2010 5:29 PM	It depends on what is being raised and how close to town. Crops and such are fine.			
Jun 4, 2010 5:55 PM	I have a garden. Do not vilify me for using water to grow veggies.			
Jun 4, 2010 9:05 PM	As long as it is permanent			
Jun 4, 2010 10:20 PM	If Church Road is in City Limits			
Jun 4, 2010 10:52 PM	I want to own and operate a farm in Parksville but cannot afford it. I am disgusted by owners of ALR land who do not farm it and want to change the regulations so they can develop it.			
Jun 7, 2010 4:30 PM	Farm land is obviously important no matter where it is located (see Qualicum Beach).			
Jun 7, 2010 5:08 PM	But not pig farms.			
Jun 7, 2010 5:39 PM	Very important.			
Jun 7, 2010 10:30 PM	Very			
Jun 10, 2010 6:01 PM	Leave farm land as is.			
Jun 10, 2010 6:36 PM	Should not be in the city. Had experience with stench from farm close to city (Renz Rd).			
Jun 10, 2010 8:41 PM	Yes			
Jun 10, 2010 9:18 PM	Urban farm land will become increasingly important as world population increases.			
Jun 11, 2010 4:45 PM	Please change law to permit backyard chickens, as in Nanaimo.			
Jun 11, 2010 5:13 PM	But should be used - not sit fallow.			
Jun 11, 2010 5:15 PM	Farm land is important no matter where it is.			
Jun 11, 2010 6:07 PM	Why not?			
Jun 11, 2010 8:11 PM	Due to animal waste smell.			
Jun 11, 2010 8:25 PM	But lose the pig farm--it stinks up the whole town.			
Jun 11, 2010 8:58 PM	It will be more and more important. What happened to the community garden is outrageous!			
Jun 14, 2010 6:21 PM	Stop targetting the Laplant family.			
Jun 14, 2010 6:39 PM	If it is farmed; otherwise what's the point?			

Jun 15, 2010 9:23 PM	Farm land is a dwindling, precious commodity. We will be desperate for it one day.			
Jun 16, 2010 4:09 PM	and utilized			
Jun 16, 2010 5:57 PM	Should retain some farm land.			
Jun 16, 2010 6:37 PM	I agree with it if the owners of this land are supported and not forced to keep their land as farmland because other citizens like looking at it.			
Jun 18, 2010 6:35 PM	It is important to preserve the existing farmland and to create more within the city.			
Jun 18, 2010 8:53 PM	Its ok, probably problematic long term.			
Jun 18, 2010 9:08 PM	Truck farming - not agri business or only 1 thing (pigs) grown or raised.			
Jun 18, 2010 9:50 PM	Although would like Despard Road extended to Englishman River, keep traffic off Corfield. Way to busy for residents, especially 3rd, 4th block. Give alternatives.			
Jun 18, 2010 10:07 PM	The little that is left, should be encouraged to stay the same.			

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Do you believe that having farm land within the City is:

Question #17 - "Not Important" -

Answer Options

Important

Not important

Comments:

Response Percent

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Response

Count

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answered question

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skipped question

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Response Date	Comments associated with "Not Important" responses:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
Jun 16, 2010 9:37 PM	Community and home gardens are very important.	community gardens	local food	
May 21, 2010 9:06 PM	But I think community gardens are important.	community gardens		
Jun 14, 2010 8:07 PM	Unless a community garden is considered farm land.	community gardens		
Jun 16, 2010 9:50 PM	Farm land should be in RDN. City should encourage community gardens in neighbourhoods.	community gardens		
May 28, 2010 4:42 PM	Crop farms good; animal farms bad.	depends on use		
Jun 7, 2010 3:27 PM	Unless it is viable and affordable to have something like Mindi's Farm in Qualicum that grow veggies for the public.	depends on viability	local food	
May 17, 2010 10:20 PM	Have those that would encourage farming pay for soil analysis, maximum 25' x 25' grid for land by others.	depends on viability		
May 19, 2010 4:59 PM	I question what is being interpreted as "farm land" - some spots would not grow anything.	depends on viability		
Jun 2, 2010 6:18 PM	It is a simple matter to have soils evaluated and soils suitable, or unsuitable, for agriculture identified.	depends on viability		
Jun 2, 2010 6:43 PM	especially if the soil is poor.	depends on viability		
Jun 3, 2010 9:29 PM	Depending on the quality of the land for agricultural purposes.	depends on viability		
Jun 8, 2010 4:24 PM	Trick question: vegetable gardens, neighbourhood garden or farm land with poor soil (Shelly Farm)?	depends on viability		
Jun 11, 2010 4:23 PM	Only if farm land is arable.	depends on viability		
Jun 16, 2010 5:07 PM	Quality farm land needs to remain so.	depends on viability		

Jun 7, 2010 10:37 PM	ALR lands within City aren't big enough to be successful as economic farming units. Support turning into building lots, parks.	develop	park land	
May 20, 2010 5:03 PM	Farmland is rural. Land within city boundaries should be developed.	develop		
May 21, 2010 6:25 PM	Let the poor devil develop housing on his land.	develop		
May 23, 2010 3:47 PM	We can't have it all. The city needs to grow to keep pace with others and to ensure the services for those who live here.	develop		
May 24, 2010 5:50 PM	Convert it to business (industrial & commercial places)	develop		
May 26, 2010 5:44 AM	That is to say, hobby farms are fine but community growth is more important.	develop		
May 26, 2010 6:18 PM	Farm land on Stanford should be developed.	develop		
May 28, 2010 2:56 PM	Develop within your City Boundary and leave the surrounding areas as ALR. No available med. sized residential lots in the City is causing residents to move outside the City into the RDN that takes up the real ALR land and promotes urban sprawl.	develop		
Jun 9, 2010 10:47 PM	Allow land behind Parksville Chrysler to go residential - extend Despard to Shelley Road!	develop		
Jun 10, 2010 5:11 PM	Farmland belongs in the RDN with exception of land at end of Stanford . This could have been senior affordable housing.	develop		
Jun 10, 2010 6:51 PM	Farm land in the City should be allowed to evolve. It is not up to the City to enforce ALR ideas (ie. Shelly).	develop		
Jun 10, 2010 10:33 PM	Develop them into housing.	develop		
Jun 11, 2010 8:33 PM	It's called a city for a reason. It served its purpose, now it should be developed and generate more tax income.	develop		
Jun 11, 2010 9:36 PM	Farmland needs to be maintained and the City should not encroach it, but within City "affordable" housing needed for local familites and those working in low paying jobs.	develop		
Jun 14, 2010 6:22 PM	Let it be developed, while understanding affect on water supply.	develop		
May 19, 2010 3:29 PM	I support the idea of having garden plots on your property where it can be utilized.	garden plots		
May 27, 2010 10:43 PM	But having access to garden plots is.	garden plots		
May 27, 2010 5:26 AM	Our farms now are greenhouses and in foreign lands unfortunately. There are only a couple of farms within the city limits that I know of, which do not appear to produce much. If the city could purchase some of this land for future green space and a super sporting facility such as pool, racquet sports.	green space	develop	
Jun 8, 2010 8:24 PM	Rather green space, garden plots and a mixture of different housing.	green space	garden plots	develop
May 28, 2010 10:11 PM	Green spaces are, but farms can be outside the city. Important to encourage backyard vegetable gardens. Sustainability.	green space	not within city	local food
May 21, 2010 8:09 PM	But then it is a green space.	green space		
May 27, 2010 4:27 PM	But you need to protect boundary farm land/green belt.	green space		

May 27, 2010 5:07 PM	But green spaces are very important.	green space		
Jun 2, 2010 4:44 PM	The Shelly farm, even though it is inactive as a farm, is still green space	green space		
Jun 7, 2010 10:52 PM	We need greenspaces but not necessarily farms.	green space		
Jun 11, 2010 10:20 PM	Do not extend city boundaries. Protect existing urban farm land. Protect riparian areas.	green space		
Jun 15, 2010 5:20 PM	A few ALR owners are providing green space for many, with no compensation. Why is ALR land worth one-tenth as much as subdividable land?	green space		
Jun 17, 2010 9:03 PM	Farmland--not so much. Green space--need more.	green space		
May 21, 2010 8:27 PM	If you are referring to the Bud Shelly "farm" then get rid of it. Farm land should not be in the City. Let the poor buggger sell it and retire. Just another bureaucratic screw up.	let owner determine use		
May 26, 2010 6:52 PM	The people that own the farm should be allowed to do with it as they please. They could not do any worse than the Beach Club.	let owner determine use		
Jun 14, 2010 5:31 PM	Help owners remove land from ALR within the City.	let owner determine use		
Jun 17, 2010 8:03 PM	I think a pioneer family should be allowed to subdivide their land.	let owner determine use		
Jun 18, 2010 6:11 PM	The land owners shouldn't have the City dictate what is to happen to their property because the city grew up around them.	let owner determine use		
May 19, 2010 10:17 PM	We should protect, however, our small local farms and community gardens.	local food	community gardens	
May 19, 2010 5:21 PM	only if growing food for local consumption	local food		
May 19, 2010 6:44 PM	However I think the Shelley Farm could be farmed if there was a will--greenhouses, raised beds, etc.	local food		
May 27, 2010 10:32 PM	Unless it's vegetable garden and fruit trees.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 4:48 PM	Farm land in the surrounding area is important and should help 'Buy BC'.	local food		
Jun 2, 2010 7:00 PM	Unless it is a farm that sells produce, for example, open to public as part of its business.	local food		
Jun 4, 2010 6:47 PM	It is not important if the owners are not farming anything. It is most important if they are being farmed with stuff we can use.	local food		
May 18, 2010 10:12 PM	That doesn't mean that it should be replaced with high density housing	no development		
May 26, 2010 9:53 PM	The city has engulfed the farm land--let it be. The Shelly farm is an opportunity for the city not to develop in a strip.	no development		
May 13, 2010 10:28 PM	how many productive farms do you see in town limits	not used		
Jun 11, 2010 3:22 PM	It is not used as it should be - unfairly controlled.	not used		
Jun 18, 2010 5:39 PM	Most of the farmland within the city is not used for farming anyway.	not used		
Jun 21, 2010 4:54 PM	Especially because you won't allow farms to operate. Farms mean green space to these councils.	not used		

May 17, 2010 5:00 AM	If we're talking about the land close to the Englishman River, then I believe the land should be developed into more privately-owned Mobile Home lots. The land is very poor farm land and would not be missed!	not viable	develop	
Jun 11, 2010 10:44 PM	The Shelly farm is not arable land. Could be developed into low cost housing, or used to build Canadian Tire.	not viable	develop	
May 12, 2010 6:57 PM	Farmland should be outside of the City boundary. The existing ALR in the City is not viable farmland and could be better utilized for residential / light industrial development	not viable	not within city	
May 17, 2010 9:18 PM	Self-sufficiency is a pipe dream; we live on sand and rock!	not viable		
May 20, 2010 5:59 PM	The land within the city is not good growing land at all. I think it is the geological survey maps bear that out.	not viable		
Jun 7, 2010 9:55 PM	The farm land within our city is marginal at best. Better uses for these properties would enhance the community.	not viable		
Jun 16, 2010 9:06 PM	Not functional or profitable.	not viable		
May 25, 2010 11:09 PM	It is impossible to Farm without City support within the boundary- don't be ridiculous; residents don't really want a farm they can't even handle any smells and or slow traffic as it is.. farm for these city folks means green space- farms are not a green space they are a business!	not within city	green space	
May 11, 2010 10:44 PM	Farm land for agricultural purposes belongs in peripheral rural areas. However, small scale personal uses growing should be promoted	not within city	local food	
May 11, 2010 4:31 AM	Farm land should not be a part of the city	not within city		
May 14, 2010 4:00 PM	farms should be outside city	not within city		
May 17, 2010 9:34 PM	Other than farm uses which may be offensive to one's neighbours.	not within city		
May 17, 2010 10:56 PM	Farm land should be out of the City in the ALR.	not within city		
May 18, 2010 10:52 PM	There should be no farm land in the City.	not within city		
May 19, 2010 5:42 PM	There should not be farm land within the City.	not within city		
May 20, 2010 1:46 AM	There is no logical reason to have farm land in a city.	not within city		
May 20, 2010 10:51 PM	No farmers inside city core.	not within city		
May 21, 2010 1:37 AM	People talking about self sustaining agriculture within the city are dreaming. Economic opportunities that might be possible would include chickens, turkeys, pigs and beef but intensive operations would not be allowed anywhere in the city anyway. Too many people around here have the attitude "Now that I am here let's close the door".	not within city		
May 21, 2010 8:58 PM	The city is for people	not within city		
May 26, 2010 7:56 PM	Farms don't enhance the city	not within city		
May 26, 2010 9:57 PM	It is a city. Loads of farmland in the surrounding area for those who value it, but not needed in the city.	not within city		
May 26, 2010 10:00 PM	Keep rural land, but outside the city.	not within city		
May 28, 2010 4:02 PM	Out of date. That was set when Parksville was a village, not a (hopefully) evolving community.	not within city		

May 28, 2010 5:57 PM	Should NOT be part of urban centres	not within city		
May 28, 2010 8:20 PM	Not any more...	not within city		
May 28, 2010 9:59 PM	I believe that farm land is good just not right in the downtown area.	not within city		
May 31, 2010 9:49 PM	No longer appropriate for urban setting.	not within city		
Jun 1, 2010 10:56 PM	No place to have a productive farm	not within city		
Jun 2, 2010 5:47 PM	Again Extension of Ermineskin land is useless now - becoming a fire hazard in dry summer months.	not within city		
Jun 2, 2010 9:25 PM	In the centre of the City	not within city		
Jun 2, 2010 9:46 PM	Tours coming here are not concerned with farm. Local farm could not keep up with local needs.	not within city		
Jun 3, 2010 5:15 PM	It's a city. City and farm don't belong in the same sentence, never mind community.	not within city		
Jun 3, 2010 6:56 PM	It doesn't enhance our city.	not within city		
Jun 4, 2010 6:16 PM	But close by is important. Stanford, no, but Errington, yes.	not within city		
Jun 4, 2010 7:52 PM	Within one mile of the downtown core.	not within city		
Jun 8, 2010 5:20 PM	Farm land is nice around the outskirts of a city, but not necessarily within it.	not within city		
Jun 8, 2010 5:29 PM	shouldn't be there.	not within city		
Jun 8, 2010 10:27 PM	The only reason we currently have farm land within the city is due to the city boundaries expanding.	not within city		
Jun 10, 2010 3:06 PM	There should be no farm land in city limits. It should be outside city limits.	not within city		
Jun 10, 2010 4:45 PM	It belongs out of the city.	not within city		
Jun 11, 2010 4:10 PM	ALR land within city with residential development all around it adds nothing. Hardly big enough to be productive, and not everyone wants to live across the fence from a farm.	not within city		
Jun 11, 2010 9:25 PM	Outside and around is important but not within the City.	not within city		
Jun 14, 2010 4:45 PM	We are surrounded by great farm land. Parksville is a resort city.	not within city		
Jun 14, 2010 6:41 PM	Not compatible in urban setting.	not within city		
Jun 16, 2010 3:00 PM	Ridiculous--this area is not suitable for farming. People will just complain about the noise, smell, etc. that goes with 'real' farms. Romantic nonsense.	not within city		
Jun 16, 2010 9:32 PM	There should be no farm land in the city.	not within city		
Jun 17, 2010 4:15 PM	Make city more attractive	not within city		
Jun 17, 2010 8:27 PM	There are lots of farms. A farm does not necessarily match an urban area.	not within city		
Jun 17, 2010 9:31 PM	There is no space with all the new houses.	not within city		
Jun 18, 2010 10:25 PM	Important is a strange choice of word. Farms on the edge of already developed commercial - not farms on the edge of residential	not within city		
Jun 21, 2010 5:57 PM	A lot of farmland is not suitable for farming within the city boundaries.	not within city		
Jun 7, 2010 5:31 PM	It's a ridiculous concept. Parks and green spaces yes, farms no.	park land	green space	

May 7, 2010 6:11 PM	park land is way more important	park land		
Jun 15, 2010 4:42 PM	Not unless you buy it and make a park.	park land		
Jun 3, 2010 5:54 PM	I thought the farm should have been taken out of the ALR and let the owners develop. They have given a lot to the city and got shafted. That was unfair.	release from ALR	develop	
Jun 1, 2010 9:14 PM	Nor is it realistic to think it will be farmed. Park land is crucial to be preserved in a city. Convert ALR to a park.	release from ALR	park land	
Jun 2, 2010 6:00 PM	Should release the Shelly property	release from ALR		
Jun 17, 2010 6:29 PM	Allow the conversion of WOSK and Shelly properties for ALR.	release from ALR		
Jun 17, 2010 8:49 PM	The Shelly farm should be released from ALR.	release from ALR		
May 8, 2010 4:53 AM	I am totally for farm land and farming...I just don't know if it needs to be within the city....			
May 24, 2010 4:47 AM	this comment is not applicable but there was no box for this			
May 25, 2010 9:26 PM	Provided there is designated farm land in surrounding areas.			
May 25, 2010 9:31 PM	Rural communities of RDN makes better sense for farming.			
May 25, 2010 10:04 PM	The ALR and ALC is an arbitrary and ill-conceived entity that should be eliminated.			
May 26, 2010 8:40 PM	But council sought outside influence to keep it in the city against all votes to remove it. Doesn't matter what residents/taxpayers want.			
May 28, 2010 8:30 PM	Planning needs to be done on a regional scale.			
May 31, 2010 5:06 PM	What an odd question...why?			
May 31, 2010 6:14 PM	It depends on the definition of what the farm is.			
May 31, 2010 10:29 PM	Are you referring to Schley's Farm? It appears to be the only farmland in Parksville.			
Jun 2, 2010 3:37 PM	That's what Errington and Hilliers is for.			
Jun 2, 2010 6:03 PM	Farm land can be in the ALR.			
Jun 2, 2010 8:44 PM	Most of these are not producing farms.			
Jun 2, 2010 9:20 PM	"Note" they were established long ago - leave them alone.			
Jun 2, 2010 10:44 PM	Don't buy a house close to a farm if that bothers you.			
Jun 3, 2010 9:00 PM	Don't drive out those that are present now. Work with them to enhance business/tourism; eg Little Qualicum Cheese Works is an excellent example.			
Jun 4, 2010 10:40 PM	The outskirts of Parksville are rural and that is perfect.			
Jun 7, 2010 8:28 PM	If this farm is within city limits and a producing farm a different tax structure.			
Jun 8, 2010 4:43 PM	I'm not a farmer but I bet it's important to them?			
Jun 10, 2010 6:56 PM	However, we should preserve what we have.			

Jun 10, 2010 9:09 PM	Move to Errington.			
Jun 14, 2010 6:34 PM	Take Stanford Road out of ALR.			
Jun 15, 2010 8:20 PM	Areas F and H are rural; Parksville is urban. How about realigning the city's boundary? And then there is San Pareil--Area G--an orphan.			
Jun 16, 2010 3:21 PM	However, at some point the City may need to expand the town boundaries, which likely would include farm land or ALR.			
Jun 17, 2010 6:44 PM	However don't need to incorporate viable farmland into the City.			