

2017 Inventory of City-owned Land for Community Gardening Objective and Methodology

Objective: The objective of the inventory is to provide guidance in assessing the suitability of various sites for multiple and diverse community gardening uses. Sites not included in the inventory are not automatically excluded from hosting community gardening activities, and sites included in the inventory will still be subject to public consultation and Council approval.

Methodology: The inventory considered all properties owned by the City, including both pervious and impervious surfaces, but excluding roof tops and right of ways. Sites presenting these features were also excluded:

- Leased by the school board
- High exposure to salt spray and wind
- Rocky, uneven surfaces
- Medians with no pedestrian access

The following suitability category system classifies sites according to the amenability of each site to host a wide range of community gardening activities. Sites with the largest open space areas outside tree canopies (ranked "1") present the most community gardening options. Community gardening options include allotment gardens, commons gardens, community orchards and food trees.

1. Open space >1000 sq. m
2. Open space > 100 sq. m and < 1000 sq. m
3. Open space >25 sq. m and <100 sq. m
4. Open space <25 sq. m
5. Open space > 1000 sq. m with other community programming or use (i.e. off-leash areas, sports field and ball diamonds, natural area/sensitive ecosystem), or with land trust or heritage designations, that may limit community gardening potential.

The open space area was approximated using available Vic Map data.

Sites part of the inventory may or may not be appropriate for community gardening, all depending on envisioned use. For example, small shaded sites were included to encourage and maximize opportunities for the creative use of park space for community gardening.

Results: The information will be added to the City's VicMap program for public use.

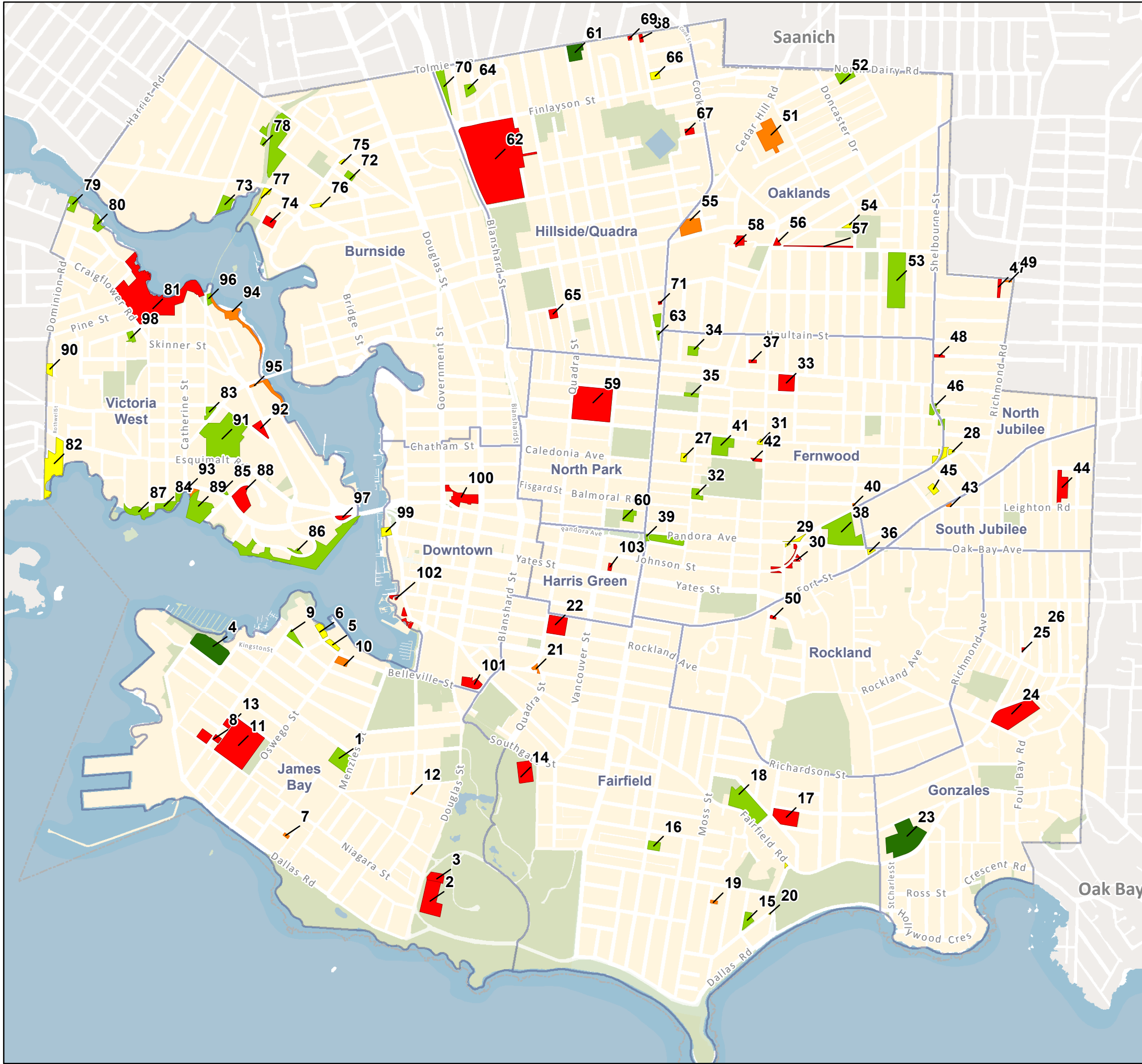
Rank	Number of Sites
1. Open space >1000 sq. m	3
2. Open space > 100 sq. m and < 1000 sq. m	32
3. Open space and >25 sq. m and <100 sq. m	17
4. Open space <25 sq. m	13
5. Open space > 1000 sq. m with other programming/use	38
Total sites	103



Inventory of City-owned Land for Community Gardening: Site Map

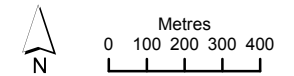
Ranking

- 1. Open space > 1000 sq. m
- 2. Open space > 100 sq. m and < 1000 sq. m
- 3. Open space > 25 sq. m and < 100 sq. m
- 4. Open space < 25 sq. m
- 5. Open space > 1000 sq. m with other programming/use



Label Name	Ranking	Label Name	Ranking
1 Irving Park	2	53 Oaklands Park	2
2 Beacon Hill Park	5	54 Oaklands Green	3
3 Beacon Hill Park	5	55 Hillside Park	4
4 Fisherman's Wharf Park	1	56 Ryan Street Green	5
5 Belleville Street Greens	3	57 Ryan St frontage	5
6 Centennial Park	3	58 Mt Stephen Park	5
7 Lewis Park	4	59 Central Park	5
8 Ernest Todd Parkette	5	60 Franklin Green	2
9 Charles Redfern Park	2	61 Jackson Street Park	1
10 Quadra Park	4	62 Topaz Park	5
11 Macdonald Park	5	63 Blackwood Green	2
12 Avalon Green	4	64 Quadra Heights Park	2
13 James Bay Community Garden	5	65 Wark Street Park	5
14 Beacon Hill Park	5	66 Highview Playlot	3
15 Bushby Park	2	67 Summit Ave	5
16 Chapman Park	2	68 Highview Street Park	5
17 Brooke Street Park	5	69 Mars Street Park	5
18 Robert J. Porter Park	2	70 Mayfair Green	2
19 Olive Street Green	4	71 Parking lot	5
20 Upper Memorial Green	3	72 Sumas Park	2
21 Rupert Terrace Green	4	73 Arbutus Park	2
22 Pioneer Square	5	74 Selkirk Green	5
23 Hollywood Park	1	75 Jutland Green	3
24 Pemberton Park	5	76 Manchester Green	3
25 Wilmer Green Park	5	77 Viaduct Park	3
26 Maddison Green	5	78 Cecelia Ravine Park	2
27 Kings Park	3	79 Arm Street Park	2
28 Begbie Green	3	80 Burleigh Park	2
29 Begbie Parkways	3	81 Banfield Park	5
30 Johnson Street Greens	5	82 Barnard Park	3
31 Gower Park	3	83 Alston Green	2
32 Haegert Park	2	84 Mary Street Park	2
33 Alexander Park	5	85 Sitkum Park	2
34 Wesley Park	2	86 Songhees Park	2
35 Queens Avenue Playlot	2	87 Rainbow Park	2
36 Scurreh Green	3	88 Songhees Hillside Park	5
37 Earthbound Community Garden	5	89 Lime Bay Park	2
38 Stadacona Park	2	90 Hereward Green	3
39 Harris Green	2	91 Victoria West Park	2
40 Belmont Green	4	92 Triangle Park	5
41 William Stevenson Memorial Park	2	93 Catherine Street Green	4
42 Gladstone Mall	5	94 Regatta Point Park	4
43 Leighton Green	4	95 Point Elice Park	4
44 Redfern Park	5	96 Transcanada Parkette	2
45 Fern Street Playlot	3	97 Johnson Street Bridge West Green	5
46 Shelbourne Green	2	98 Raynor Avenue Playlot	2
47 Spirit Garden	5	99 Reeson Park	3
48 Adanac Green	5	100 Centennial Square	5
49 Vacant lot	4	101 Cridge Park	5
50 Joan Crescent Green	5	102 Ship Point Park	5
51 Oswald Park	4	103 Yates St Community Garden	5
52 Clawthorpe Avenue Park	2		

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Inventory of City Land for Community Gardening: Site Data

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	Location	Neighborhood	Address	Category	Growing conditions	Other considerations (land trust designations, other current uses, etc.)
1	Irving Park	James Bay	455, 461, 575, 481, 491 Michigan St, and 250 Menzies St	2	1. Some shading adjacent building and tree canopy; 2. Potential acidic needle fall from trees to north 3. Good SE opening	1. Some re-grading required 2. On-site public washrooms available 3. New Horizons Pollinator Garden
2	Beacon Hill Park	James Bay	All Weather Fields (North and South) at corner of Beacon and Douglas	5	1. Field gravel, amenable to container/box growing. 2. Potentially subject to some wind and salt spray 3. Excellent sun exposure	1. This is a Land Trust Designated Heritage site. This site designation presents specific and substantial challenges, changing terms and conditions for land use would be a long process 2. Part of the field could be converted to a garden with other remaining a sports field 3. 128 bookings for North field (rugby & soccer) and 86 bookings for South field (soccer and youth activity) in 2015
3	Beacon Hill Park	James Bay	Ball Diamond on Douglas St	5		1. Open space dominated by ball diamond 2. 17 bookings in 2015 (fastball and slow pitch)
4	Fisherman's Wharf	James Bay	300 St Lawrence St	1	1. Good sun exposure 2. Could require regrading	
5	Belleville Street Greens	James Bay	300 & 350 Belleville St	3	1. N facing slope site 2. Heavy shading from tree canopy	1. Tourist area 2. On David Foster Harbour Pathway
6	Centennial Park	James Bay	220 & 250 Belleville St	3	1. N facing slope site 2. Heavy shading from tree canopy	1. Site is secluded 2. Prime tourist area 3. On David Foster Harbour Pathway
7	Lewis Park	James Bay	32 Lewis St	4	1. Shade from tree canopy	
8	Ernest Todd Parkette	James Bay	180 and 190 Niagara St, and 100 Montreal St	5	1. Some shade from tree canopy	1. Land Trust Designation, using this site would likely require a change to terms and conditions (long process)
9	Charles Redfern Park	James Bay	200 Quebec St	2	1. Shade from tree canopy	
10	Quadra Park	James Bay	407 Belleville Street Green	4	1. Heavy shading from tree canopy	
11	MacDonald Park	James Bay	212 Niagara Street	5		1. Sports field 2. Neighborhood Garden of All Sorts (Community Garden) on Niagara St frontage
12	Avalon Green	James Bay	601 Avalon Rd	4		
13	James Bay Community Garden	James Bay	155, 165, 175, 185 Montreal St, 210 Dobinson St	5		1. James Bay Community Garden
14	Beacon Hill Park	Fairfield	Soccer field on Heywood Ave	5		1. 177 bookings in 2015
15	Bushby Park	Fairfield	160 Bushby St	2	1. Flat 2. Good sun exposure	
16	Chapman Park	Fairfield	1208, 1210, 1212 Chapman St, and 235 and 237 Linden Ave	2	1. Flat 2. Good sun exposure and SE opening	
17	Brooke Street Park	Fairfield	1425 Brooke St	5		1. Open space dominated by ball diamond
18	Robert J. Porter Park	Fairfield	1350 Fairfield Rd	2	1. Some hills and rock beds	1. Fairfield Community Garden
19	Olive Street Green	Fairfield	181 Olive St	4	1. Heavy shade	
20	Upper Memorial Green	Fairfield	170 Memorial Crescent	3		
21	Rupert Terrace	Fairfield	850 Quadra Street	4	1. Hills and rocks	
22	Pioneer Square	Fairfield	1030 Quadra Street	5		1. Designated Heritage Site 2. Previous cemetery

23	Hollywood Park	Gonzales	1700 Fairfield, 1645, 1635 Earle St	1	1. Open area beside equipment shelter and near ball diamond has good SEE opening, slight northern slope. 2. Open area beside playground (1645 & 1635 Earle St) has good sun exposure and is flat	
24	Pemberton Park	Gonzales	1855 Richardson St	5		1. Open space dominated by ball diamond 2. Natural restoration area
25	Wilmer Street Green	Gonzales		5		1. Natural area
26	Maddison Green	Gonzales		5		1. Natural area
27	Kings Park	Fernwood	1150, 1156 Caledonia St	3	1. Heavy shading from tree canopy and building 2. Small open curbside area slopes N	
28	Begbie Green	Fernwood	1655, 2020 Shelbourne St, 1675 Pembroke	3	1. A few small sites, some have heavy shading from existing tree canopy	1. Parts of Begbie Green are planted with fruit tree and berry bushes
29	Begbie Parkways	Fernwood	1401 Begbie St	3	1. Shade from tree canopy	
30	Johnson Street Greens	Fernwood	1355, 1375, 1425, 1412, 1410 Johnson St, 1391 Pandora	5	1. Small site sloping North, shaded from adjacent buildings on SE side	1. Some sites difficult to access 2. Predominantly medians
31	Gower Park	Fernwood	2050 Fernwood St	3	1. Small site with heavy shading from tree canopy	1. Low power lines and man hole
32	Haegert Park	Fernwood	1202 Yukon Street	2	1. Shade from tree canopy	1. Portion of greenspace owned by School District 61
33	Alexander Park	Fernwood	1325, 1345, 1355; 1365, 1375 Bay St; 2426, 2422 Oregon Ave; 1380; 1370, 1360, 1350, 1340, 1330 Walnut St	5		1. Open space dominated by large off-leash area and volleyball court
34	Wesley Place	Fernwood	2518 Wesley Pl	2	1. Shade from tree canopy	
35	Queens Avenue Play Lot	Fernwood	1160 Queens Avenue	2	1. Closed off paved street at the corner of Chamber St and Queens Ave is amenable to container gardening, with good S opening but tall trees on E and W sides	1. Small area available in the closed off street, remainder is playground
36	Scurrah Green	Fernwood	1580 Fort St	3	1. Shade from tree canopy	1. Adjacent to high traffic area
37	Earthbound Community Garden	Fernwood	2507 Garden Street	5		1. Earth Bound Community Garden
38	Stadacona Park	Fernwood	1551 Begbie St, 1490 Pandora	2	1. Small open grass areas	1. Natural area 2. Horticulture beds 3. Other uses
39	Harris Green	Fernwood		2	1. Shade from tree canopy	
40	Belmont Green	Fernwood		4	1. Shade from tree canopy	
41	William Stevenson Memorial Park	Fernwood	1240 Gladstone	2	1. Some open grass areas	1. Sports field 2. Fernwood Community Orchard 3. Playground
42	Gladstone Mall	Fernwood		5	1. Plaza space 2. Limited area	1. Paved pedestrian area
43	Leighton Green	South Jubilee		4	1. Shade from tree canopy	
44	Red Fern Park	South Jubilee	1755 Redfern St	5		1. Open space dominated by large off-leash area and playground
45	Fern Street Playlot	North Jubilee	1815 Fern Street	3	1. Limited space 2. Shade from tree canopy	1. Adjacent park parcel (1827 Fern Street) is leased
46	Shelbourne Green	North Jubilee/Fernwood		2		
47	Spirit Garden	North Jubilee	1782 Kings Rd	5		1. Spirit Garden
48	Adanac Green	North Jubilee	2547 & 2549 Shelbourne	5		1. Natural area

49	Vacant Lot	North Jubilee	2740 Richmond Street	4	1. Limited space and shade from tree canopy	
50	Joan Crescent Green	Rockland	1059 Craigdarroch	5		1. Gardened by community
51	Oswald Park	Oaklands	2955, 2945, 2935,2875, 2865, 2855,2845,2835,2825, 2930,2870,2860,2850, 2840,2830,2820 Oswald Rd	4	1. Small open areas	1. Open space dominated by large off-leash area and playground 2. Natural area
52	Clawthorpe Avenue Park	Oaklands	1615, 1623, 1631, 1635, 1639 Clawthorpe Ave	2	1. Shade from tree canopy	
53	Oaklands Park	Oaklands	1550 Kings Rd	2	1. Open space between sports field and playground is a good size and SE facing	1. Majority of open space is dominated by sports field 2. Natural area
54	Oaklands Green	Oaklands	1515 Holly St	3		1. Already gardened by community
55	Hillside Park	Oaklands	1280 Hillside Av	4	1. Small open areas	1. Open space dominated by ball diamond
56	Ryan Street Green	Oaklands	2775 Cedar Hill Rd	5		1. Natural area
57	Ryan Street frontage	Oaklands	Ryan Street	5		1. Natural area
58	Mount Stephen Park	Oaklands	1280 Ryan St	5		1. Natural area
59	Central Park	North Park	2275 Quadra St	5		1. Open space dominated by ball diamond, tennis fields, playground & other
60	Franklin Green	North Park	1045 Mason St	2	1. Shade from tree canopy	
61	Jackson Street Park	Hillside/Quadra	3183, 3173, 3185, 3193 Jackson St; 1111, 1121, 1131 Tolmie Ave	1	1. Good sun exposure, open space with SE slope, bowl	1. Natural area
62	Topaz Park	Hillside/Quadra	2950 and 3050 Blanshard St	5		1. Open space dominated by ball diamond and sports field 2. Natural area
63	Blackwood Green	Hillside/Quadra	2550 Cook St	2	1. Shade from tree canopy 2. Rock bed	
64	Quadra Heights Park	Hillside/Quadra	825 Villance St	2	1. Some shade from tree canopy	
65	Wark Street Park	Hillside/Quadra	2575 and 2565 Wark St	5		1. Wark Street Commons Garden
66	Highview Playlot	Hillside/Quadra	1301, 1307, 1315 Merritt St	3		
67	Summit Ave properties vacant lots	Hillside/Quadra	1318, 1322, 1330 Summit Ave	5		1. Natural restoration area
68	ADD Highview Street Park	Hillside/Quadra		5		1. Natural restoration area
69	Mars Street Park	Hillside/Quadra		5		1. Natural restoration area
70	MayFair Green	Hillside/Quadra		2		1. Adjacent to high traffic area
71	Parking Lot	Hillside/Quadra	2582 Cook St	5		1. Parking lot
72	Sumas Park	Burnside	524, 530, 534 Sumas St	2	1. Good sun exposure 2. Flat	
73	Arbutus Park	Burnside	2925 Washington Ave	2	1. Good SE orientation, slight SE slope 2. Area near water is flat	1. Finding nearby parking may be challenging 2. Natural area
74	Selkirk Green	Burnside	Between Jackladder lane and Waterfront Crescent	5	1. Flat, open space	1. Subject to Master Development Agreement 2. Used by Selkirk Montessori
75	Jutland Green	Burnside	505 Burnside Rd E	3		1. Adjacent to high traffic area
76	Manchester Green	Burnside	504 Manchester Road	3		
77	Viaduct Park	Burnside	301 Gorge Rd	3		
78	Cecelia Ravine Park	Burnside	Multiple parcels	2		1. Natural area 2. Burnside Allotment Garden

79	Arm Street Park	Victoria West	1455, 1465 Arm St	2	1. N facing slope 2. Shade from canopy cover	
80	Burleith Park	Victoria West	570 Selkirk Ave	2	1. Small area with SE opening	1. Area near road could be used for small garden 2. Natural area
81	Banfield Park	Victoria West	521 Craigflower Rd	5		1. Open area dominated by sports field, dog off-leash and other uses, including Banfield Commons Garden and Community Orchard 2. Natural area
82	Barnard Park	Victoria West	300 Barnard Ave, 710, 716 Sea Terr	3	1. Rocky 2. Heavy shade from tree cover	1. Natural area
83	Alston Green	Victoria West	190 Bay St	2	1. Shade from tree cover	1. High traffic area
84	Mary Street Park	Victoria West	400, 250 Milne St; 260, 270, 280 Catherine St	2	1. Good sun exposure	2. Site in front of Spinnakers (280 Catherine St) is steep but maybe suitable to fruit trees
85	Sitkum Park	Victoria West	200 Kimta Rd	2	1. Trees on SE side will shade	1. Subject to Master Development Agreement
86	Songhees Hillside Park	Victoria West	11 Esquimalt Rd; 49 Songhees Rd	2	1. A few pockets with good S opening/sun exposure. 2. Slight slope in some areas 3. Potentially subject to some wind and salt spray	1. Subject to Master Development Agreement
87	Rainbow Park	Victoria West	201 Robert St	2	1. Good sun exposure 2. Potentially subject to some wind and salt spray	1. Natural area
88	Songhees Hillside Park	Victoria West	40 Saghalie Rd	5	1. Good sun exposure	1. Subject to Master Development Agreement 2. Dog off leash area
89	Lime Bay Park	Victoria West	10 Cooperage Pl	2	1. Good sun exposure 2. Potentially subject to some wind and salt spray 3. Slight slope	
90	Hereward Green	Victoria West	904, 908, 912, 916 Hereward St	3	1. Slope 2. Heavy shade from tree canopy	1. Existing fruit and nut trees
91	Victoria West Park	Victoria West	155 Wilson St	2		1. Open area dominated by sports field and dog off-leash.
92	Triangle Park	Victoria West	150 Wilson St	5	1. N facing slope 2. Sun exposure limited by tall surrounding buildings	1. Subject to Master Development Agreement
93	Catherine Street Green	Victoria West		4		
94	Regatta Point Park	Victoria West		4		1. Site is accessed primarily through cycle path
95	Point Ellice Park	Victoria West	387 Harbour Rd	4		
96	Transcanada Parkette	Victoria West	801 and 869 Tyee Road	2		1. Site is accessed primarily through cycle path
97	Johnson Street Bridge West Green	Victoria West		5		1. Site to be developed as community event/festival space
98	Raynor Park	Victoria West	556 and 530 Raynor Ave	2		
99	Reeson Park	Downtown	1300 Wharf Street	3	1. Slopes WSW	1. On David Foster Harbour Pathway
100	Centennial Square	Downtown	1 to 30 Centennial Square	5		1. Programmed festival space
101	Cridge Park	Downtown	730 Belleville St	5	1. Shade from tree canopy	1. Lawn bowling
102	Ship Point Park	Downtown	814 Wharf Street	5		1. Primarily used as parking lot, some planting space
103	Vacant Lot	Harris Green	1012/1014 Yates St	5		1. Yates St Community Garden