



# City of SeaTac Community Garden



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# Overview

- ▶ Partnerships to Improve Community Health
- ▶ Community gardens
- ▶ Site Selection
- ▶ Community Input Process
- ▶ Recommendation





# Project Framework

- ▶ **VISION:** The City of SeaTac is a premier global community offering a solid, sustainable economy and a healthy, inclusive, and vibrant quality of life.
  
- ▶ **LAND USE ELEMENT – GOAL 2.2**
  - **ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS: Policy 2.2C**
    - Incorporate consideration of physical health and well-being into local decision-making by locating, designing, and operating public facilities and services in a manner that supports creation of community gardens on public open space in accessible locations.

# Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH)

- ▶ Project: Build a community garden
- ▶ Systems change: Update regulatory codes





# What is a Community Garden?

- ▶ City owned land
- ▶ Citizens lease small plots
- ▶ Share resources and amenities



# Benefits

- ▶ Grow your own healthy food
- ▶ Learn about nature and nutrition
- ▶ Nourish our connection to land
- ▶ Supply food banks with surplus
- ▶ Build community spirit





# Community Gardens

- ▶ Federal Way





# Community Gardens

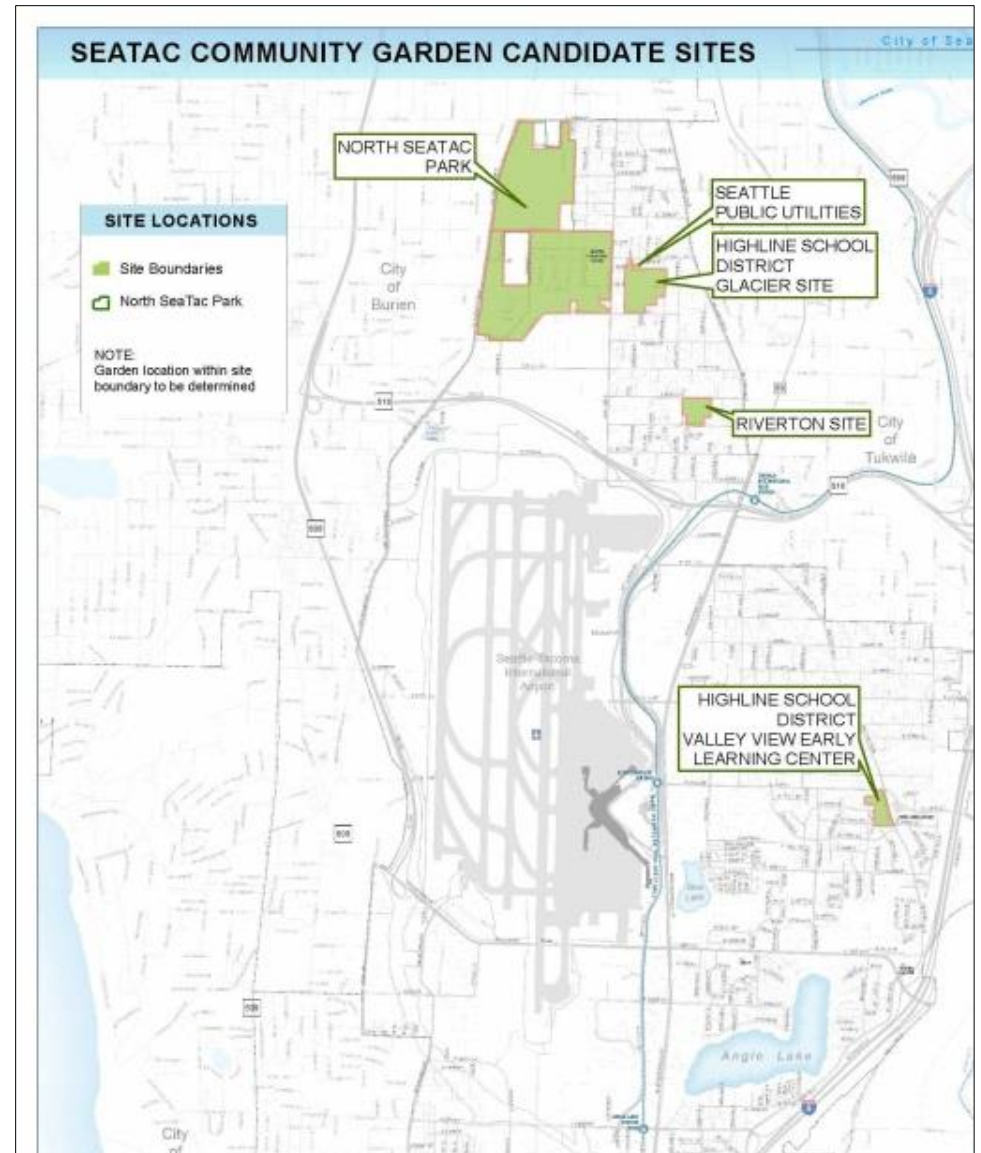
## ▶ Tukwila



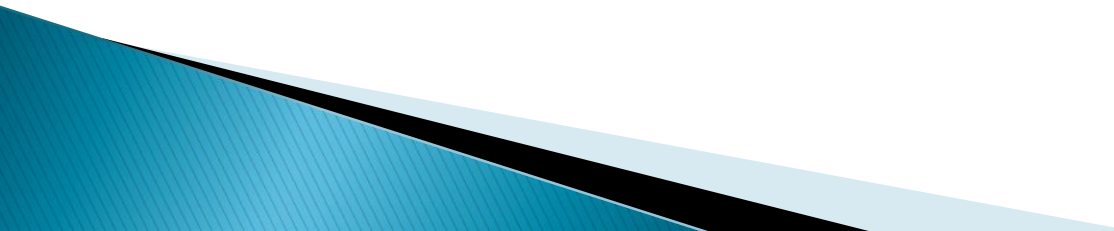


# Site Selection

- Mountains to Sound
- GIS Technology
- Assessed 163 public properties



# Site Selection – Criteria

- ▶ Land ownership and management
  - ▶ Canopy cover
  - ▶ Growing area
  - ▶ Land use
  - ▶ Topography
  - ▶ Soil suitability
  - ▶ Transportation access
  - ▶ Neighborhood demographics
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# Site Selection

- ▶ Identified 39 sites with a total of 0.5 acres or more of potentially cultivatable area
- ▶ 5 sites met garden suitability requirements
  - Sufficient Garden Area & Compatible Land Use



# Top 5 Sites

#	Site	Location	Ownership
1	Seattle Public Utilities	Located behind Glacier High school	Owned by the City of Seattle
2	Riverton	Located near Church by the side of the road	Owned by the City of SeaTac
3	Valley View Early Learning Center	Across the street from the library	Owned by Highline schools
4	Glacier	Adjacent to site #1	Owned by Highline schools
5	North SeaTac Park Sites	Near North SeaTac Park	Owned by Port of Seattle



## Site 1) Open Space - Seattle Public Utilities

2445 S 138th St, SeaTac, WA



### What is nearby?

- . SeaTac Community Center, Cascade View Elementary School, Tukwila Pantry-Food Bank, corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S and S 138<sup>th</sup> ST, Botanical Gardens
- . Located behind Glacier High School, the blue, white and grey building is the school.
- . The entrance is on 138<sup>th</sup> St.
- . 2 blocks from the bus stop on Military Rd and S. 138<sup>th</sup> (#128)
- . Mostly home owners around
- . Between Military Rd and 24<sup>th</sup> on the corner with the SeaTac Community Center. Two blocks from the Tukwila Pet Hospital.



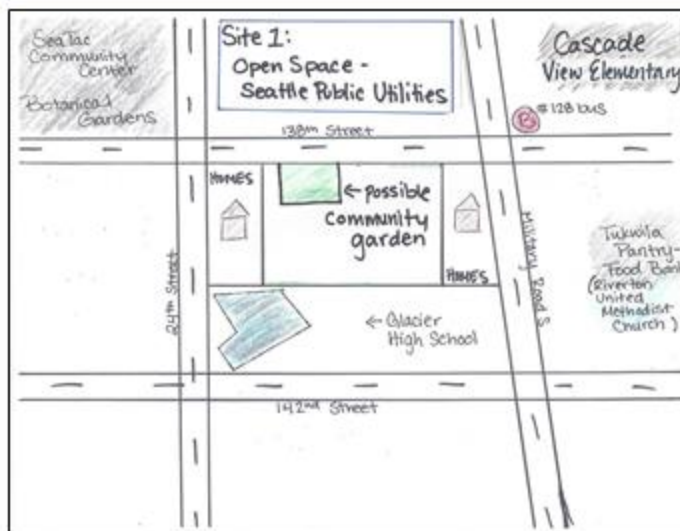
SPU Site is next to the Glacier Site.



White circle is approximate garden size.

### Key Site Characteristics

- . Owned by the City of Seattle
- . Vacant land
- . 0.6 acres for a garden
- . 2 blocks from a bus stop
- . Low levels of soil contamination (Arsenic)
- . Low income neighborhood
- . NO WATER AVAILABLE on-site for irrigation



# Community Input





# Community Liaisons



# Survey Findings

#	Site	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Total
1	Seattle Public Utilities	3	8	11
2	Riverton	31	12	43
3	Valley View Early Learning Center	22	16	38
4	Glacier	6	18	24
5	North SeaTac Park Sites	19	17	36


**Total surveys completed: 81**

No p-patch: 2

Locate at City Hall: 1



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation

- ▶ Riverton
  - Ownership
  - Location
  - Community preference
  - Compatible projects already funded



# 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Recommendations

- ▶ Valley View Early Learning Center
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation
  - Location
  - Community preference

- ▶ North SeaTac Park
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> recommendation
  - Community preference





# Next Steps

	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016
Council Action				
Regulatory Code Updates				
Build Garden				
First Plantings				
Celebration				

# Thank you

