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Thornbury Community Gardens

Deputation to Council regarding future land use at BVCC





THORNBURY COMMUNITY GARDENS

Did You Know?

- Established 2018
- 50-60 gardeners involved each season
- 23 rental plots, one food bank plot, border gardens for native plants, pollinator plants and edible perennials
- Fundraised \$30k+ through grants and donations
- Added 10 raised beds in 2022 (\$15k)
- Over 500 volunteer hours/year
- 32.5kg food donated to food cubby 2023
- TOBM Sustainability award in 2022
- Waiting list of 9 gardeners
- Strong partnership with TOBM - water, compost, support
- Conversations about expanding to gravel pad
- Gardens are at risk of being displaced





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Services

- Volunteer opportunities
- Food security
- Pollinator plants
- Bird habitat
- Organic food growth
- Nature connection
- Recreation for all ages
- Intergenerational interactions
- Beautification/soil improvement
- Deemed “essential” during Covid
- Mental health benefits
- Educational programs for all ages
- Community engagement





Our Ask

1. Be involved in the conversation
2. Consider the investment of many gardeners over many years
3. Understand the risks of displacing the gardens
 1. Loss of volunteers
 2. Accessibility
 3. Visibility
 4. Loss of habitat
4. Explore creative solutions to not displace the gardens