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	<b>E.415</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Executive</b>
	Policy Name		
<b>COMMUNITY GARDEN</b>			
Approved by	Responsibility		Category
<b>Executive</b>	<b>Vice-President, Finance &amp; Administration</b>		<b>Health, Safety &amp; Environment</b>
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## PURPOSE

Capilano University's community garden recognizes community gardening and other forms of urban agriculture as an important educational and recreational activity that can contribute to increased food security, community development, campus space enhancement, environmental sustainability and social inclusion.

## POLICY

Capilano University is committed to:

- Creating an educational, recreational, and communal space and activities through the sustainable implementation of community garden initiatives. (e.g. a children's garden, textile arts and instructional plots, annual invasive species pulls etc.)
- Encouraging the involvement of the campus community; Campus neighbours, students, alumni, employee groups, parents, or on-campus food services provider, and particularly those with no access to their own private gardening space.
- Promoting social inclusion and incorporating enhanced universal accessibility features to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and senior gardeners who have mobility restrictions.
- Enhancing urban biodiversity and raising awareness of local and global food issues including food security and literacy
- Enhancing the vitality of campus outdoor public space and the natural environment
- Environmentally sustainable gardening practices

A **community garden** is any piece of University-owned property where individual and groups from the campus community collectively grow and maintain edible or ornamental plants for the *personal and collective* use of its gardeners or the campus community.

To establish a community garden space a request should be made to the Vice-President, Finance and Administration. The Director, Facilities shall manage this policy through established procedures.