



COUNCIL POLICY

Edible Landscaping

Policy Title	Edible Landscaping		
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1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. The City of Grande Prairie (City) recognizes that food security is an important factor in our community's sustainability. Edible Landscaping is a valuable tool that contributes to this goal by providing fresh fruit and vegetables, enhancing biodiversity, and serving as educational and social spaces. Edible Landscaping includes elements such as Community Gardens and Tree Orchards.
- 1.2. The City will support Community Groups and Neighbourhood Associations in incorporating Edible Landscaping into their neighbourhoods to benefit residents. Community Groups or Neighbourhood Associations are expected to meet established criteria, provide supporting documentation, and demonstrate the required support to develop Edible Landscaping projects. Community-led Edible Landscaping initiatives may be subject to stewardship arrangements or agreements, as outlined in City procedures.
- 1.3. The City also commits to planting fruit bearing trees, shrubs, and other edible plantings in municipal landscapes, including parks and green spaces, based on practicality, safety, long-term maintenance and public accessibility. These plantings will support food security, biodiversity and serve as an educational tool for the community through GP Grows programming.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this Council policy (policy) is to support the establishment of Edible Landscaping including Community Gardens and Tree Orchards on City owned lands.

3. Definitions

In this policy:

- 3.1. **"City"** means the municipal corporation of The City of Grande Prairie, having authority under the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 C. M-26 and other applicable legislation. Where context requires, City also means the area included within the municipal boundaries of the City.



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- 3.2. **"Community Garden(s)"** means outdoor spaces on approved City land where residents can grow, maintain and harvest fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, either collectively or through assigned garden plots in accordance with City procedures.
- 3.3. **"Community Group(s)"** means a collective of residents, volunteers or stakeholders who organize together to undertake community initiatives, such as the development and maintenance of a Community Garden or Tree Orchard.
- 3.4. **"Edible Landscaping"** means the intentional incorporation of fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, perennial plants and other food-producing vegetation into public landscapes such as parks and green spaces. Edible Landscaping encompasses Community Gardens and Tree Orchards.
- 3.5. **"Neighbourhood Association"** means an organization recognized under the City's Neighbourhood Association Program that represents the interests of residents in a defined geographic area and may coordinate on community-based projects within their neighbourhood, including Community Gardens and Tree Orchards.
- 3.6. **"Tree Orchard(s)"** means a designated area of municipal land where a planned grove of fruit-bearing trees is planted, maintained and made available for public use. Tree Orchards are a form of Edible Landscaping that provide long-term access to locally grown fruit while serving educational and ecological purposes.

4. Related Information

- 4.1. [City Procedure 221-1](#) Community Gardens
- 4.2. [City Procedure 221-2](#) Tree Orchards
- 4.3. Community Garden Application
- 4.4. Tree Orchard Application
- 4.5. All other City bylaws, policies, procedures and programs impacting Edible Landscaping will remain in effect.

5. Responsibilities

- 5.1. City Council will review and approve any revisions to this policy.
- 5.2. City Manager will review and approve any procedures related to this policy.
- 5.3. City Administration will carry out this policy based on established procedures.

6. Legislative Authority & Other Reference

- 6.1. [Bylaw C-1078](#) Use of Public Lands
- 6.2. [Bylaw C-1310](#) Parkland



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7. Version History

Action	Date	Description
New Policy	2026/06/08	Replaces Policy 212 Community Gardens/Edible Landscaping

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