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### **Residents Invited to Help Select New Community Garden Location**

The Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council, in partnership with CK Public Health, are inviting residents to help select the site for the next community garden in Chatham-Kent. This opportunity is a result of Municipal Council's December 15, 2025 approval to expand the Community Gardens Program.

"I'd love to see a community garden in every ward so all Chatham-Kent residents have the chance to get involved. Expanding the program one garden at a time is our first step toward that goal. That's why we're asking residents to help us decide where the next garden should grow," said Councillor Morena McDonald, who introduced the motion to expand the program in June 2025.

Individuals interested in growing food or volunteering as a garden site leader are asked to complete a short survey at [www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/gardens](http://www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/gardens) by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Residents are invited to indicate their interest in gardening and/or volunteering at one of the following proposed sites:

- **Ward 1 – Tilbury:** Kirkham Park (94 Massey Dr)
- **Ward 2 – Blenheim:** Forsyth Park (24 Gary Avenue)
- **Ward 3 – Thamesville:** Ferguson Park (2 Wallace St)
- **Ward 3 – Bothwell:** Victoria Park (498 Elm St W)

CK Food Policy Council Chair, Councillor Carmen McGregor adds, "Your input through this survey will directly shape the future of this project and ensure the garden is placed where it can be best supported and be most beneficial. This is a chance for community voices to guide community action, and we encourage everyone interested to take a few minutes to share their thoughts."

The selected location will be based on community interest and the presence of a volunteer garden site leader to help oversee the site. The new community garden is set to open in May 2026.

#### **Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council**

The Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council (CKFPC) is a community-based group that leads and advocates for a strong local food system. The council brings together organizations, food producers, service providers, businesses, government partners, and residents to support policies and programs that make local food more accessible, affordable, available and sustainable.

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