
MEDIA RELEASE**June 8th, 2026****Chatham-Kent Public Health Announces New Community Garden Location in Thamesville**

Chatham-Kent Public Health (CK Public Health) is proud to announce Ferguson Park in Thamesville as the location of its newest community garden, set to launch for the 2026 planting season.

The selection of Thamesville follows a community-wide consultation process led by CK Public Health, which included a public survey to better understand local interest in expanding community gardening initiatives. Thamesville residents demonstrated the highest level of interest, making Ferguson Park the ideal site for the newest garden.

“This new community garden reflects the strong interest and enthusiasm expressed by Thamesville residents,” said Councillor Morena McDonald, who brought forward the motion to grow the program in Chatham-Kent.

Councillor Carmen McGregor, Chair of the Food Policy Council, spoke to the benefits of community gardens, “they enhance access to fresh, locally grown food while also creating inclusive spaces where residents can come together, share knowledge, and build stronger community connections.”

The Food Policy Council is already working to bring the garden to life. The Volunteer Coordinator is currently meeting with new participants, organizing supplies, and preparing the site for planting for the upcoming growing season.

Residents interested in securing a plot in the Ferguson Park community garden are encouraged to reach out. For more information, please contact the CK Food Policy Council Coordinator at FoodPolicyCouncil@chatham-kent.ca

Additional details about the Community Garden Program, including how it supports local food systems and community wellness, can be found at letstalkfood-ck.com.

CK Public Health remains committed to expanding access to community gardens across Chatham-Kent, including in Tilbury, Bothwell, and Blenheim, locations previously identified as potential sites for future development. Future locations will continue to be guided by community interest and engagement, ensuring these spaces meet the needs and priorities of residents throughout the municipality.

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