



Community Development Opportunity

Dartmouth Urban Garden Pilot (DUG)

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Submissions to:

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About Develop Nova Scotia

Develop Nova Scotia is the Province's Crown Corporation, responsible for leading sustainable development of high-potential property and infrastructure across our province to drive economic and population growth.

Our mission is to support the creation of sustainable places across Nova Scotia that attract people and inspire investment. We focus on planning, development, and management of land and infrastructure by, for, and with people. When focused on working and building with community, we develop strong places that are authentic, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable.

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Objective

Develop Nova Scotia is seeking a partnership with a local non-profit group to set up, maintain, and manage an urban garden on our lands at Dartmouth Cove. This Community Development Opportunity (CDO) is an invitation for community groups and organizations to submit proposals to partner with us on the Dartmouth Urban Garden pilot (DUG)—a sustainable initiative intended to promote food security, education, and community connection while making better use of currently underutilized land. As a tool to engage community, DUG is proposed as a 1 year pilot project that will help inform decisions in future redevelopment projects within Dartmouth Cove.

The result expected from this process will be Develop Nova Scotia entering into an agreement with a successful party or parties to set up and operate this urban garden.

The purpose of this Community Development Opportunity is to elicit innovative responses from qualified local non-profit organizations.



This Community Development Opportunity (CDO) is seeking a partner to maintain and manage an urban garden at Dartmouth Cove





The Site

The proposed site is a vacant lot located along the waterfront off of Canal Street in Downtown Dartmouth. The site is approximately 750 m² and is adjacent to the Dartmouth Harbourwalk Trail, a multi-use trail connecting both the Alderney and Woodside Ferry Terminals.

Vehicular access is available directly off Canal Street. Major transit routes are nearby on Portland Street and the Alderney Gate Terminal.

The site is open, flat, and has southern exposure with sun from early morning to late evening. This location is well protected given the adjacent businesses in the area.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

**Community first:
engaging local
community while
promoting food
security, community
connection, and
education is essential.**



On-Site Services

The site itself is not serviced, however, electricity and limited water (garden hose hook-up) is available in adjacent facilities. If desired, Develop Nova Scotia will assist in working with the successful proponent and the adjacent property owners for potential access to these services. There are no washroom facilities at the location--the closest public washroom is ~550m from the site at Alderney Gate Ferry Terminal. Develop Nova Scotia will consider providing a portable washroom or supporting the proponent in obtaining a portable washroom if needed.

Group Responsibilities + Costs

Depending on resources and other assistance available to the group, Develop Nova Scotia may be able to help with the purchase of items necessary for the initial set-up. Discussions with the group will help determine what is needed, and what resources Develop Nova Scotia are able to provide.

The responsibilities of the community group will include but may not be limited to:

- meetings with Develop Nova Scotia staff to plan the layout, develop a work plan and sequence for site set-up, construction, plantings, and maintenance.
- maintenance of the garden (for example, ongoing watering, weeding, repairs, and protection of plantings during extreme weather events).
- the materials used on site should be movable/able to be moved to accommodate future relocation as required.
- leading harvest and distribution of plantings at season's end and prepare the beds for winter.
- ensure all necessary insurances are in place.
- enter into an agreement with Develop Nova Scotia, which will clarify the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved.
- provide monthly progress updates to Develop Nova Scotia on promotion of local food security, education, and community connection.

Open House - Site Visit

At least one site visit will be scheduled for late March/early April based on level of interest and number of interested groups. Others can be scheduled by appointment as required.



Responsibilities of Develop Nova Scotia

- Ensure the site is prepared for occupancy upon the agreed start-date.
- Assist in obtaining water and electrical service to the site if desired.
- Support the proponent in obtaining a portable washroom if desired.
- Assist with the initial set-up onsite if staff resources are available.
- Maintain contact with the group on a regular basis to monitor progress, and to discuss and resolve any concerns or issues.

Term

The initial term will be for 1 year, with an option to review and/or renew the agreement pending interest in the acquisition of the site by others for a more permanent use, consistent with the long-term Master Plan for Dartmouth Cove and the recently approved Centre Plan.



“DUG” PROJECT PILOT CDO

Interested community groups are to submit a proposal no more than ten (10) pages in length. Proposals should include, and will be evaluated based on:

- A description of their non-profit group, including purpose, governance structure, membership, and experience working with community groups on similar projects. (25 points)
- Proposed concept of the urban garden and description of how efforts will promote greater community connection and social responsibility, as well as environmental stewardship. (50 points)
- Summary of why this initiative is of interest to the group, along with minimum site requirements, expectations, and longer-term plans. (25 points)

TOTAL 100 PTS

Terms and Conditions

All Develop Nova Scotia [BDO terms and conditions](#) apply to this call for proposals.

Questions

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