

Involvement Opportunities

We provide hands-on education to volunteers interested in helping to care for and restore this unique heritage orchard. **Follow the QR Code below to sign up as a volunteer** and see all the opportunities available.



Workshops and Events

Looking to brush up on your fruit tree care, learn about soil science, dive into a new art skills or just spend some time in the beautiful Welland Orchard? Come join us for a workshop or tour.

Follow the QR code above or look for “LifeCycles Project Society” on Eventbrite

Support the Orchard

Your generous donations are a big part of what keeps LifeCycles and Welland Orchard thriving! **Your donation goes directly to the operational costs of the programs that we run.** We are so appreciative of your support.

Follow the QR code above to make a donation today.

The Lands We Are On

The Welland Legacy Park & Community Orchard is the former backyard of local resident Rex Welland, and is located on the unceded lands of the ləkʷəŋən people (known today as the Xʷsepsəm Nation and the Songhees Nation), and the WSÁNEĆ peoples.

Over the course of 20 years, Rex planted the vast majority of the fruit trees and vines that feed our community here today. He was a conscientious steward, dedicated to preserving and enhancing the biodiversity of the local ecosystem.

Prior to Rex’s stewardship of this space, it was part of a Garry Oak meadow ecosystem, which is an intentionally and skilfully managed food and medicine system stewarded by Indigenous people.

This park exists today thanks to the generous donation of Rex and the Welland family. The Town of View Royal, LifeCycles Project Society and many volunteers are now working together to steward the legacy that Rex has left us. Along with caring for the Orchard, we are also working on creating habitat for Native plants to thrive.

What is a Community Orchard?

A community orchard is a shared public resource and an urban food system. It is a space for everyone to:

- Sample local fruit (please read harvest guidelines prior to picking fruit).
- Learn to care for fruit trees, pollinators and more.
- Spend time in nature — enjoy the views, relax, or bring a picnic to the Orchard.
- Connect with other like minded people at one of our many events each year.



Map and Information



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We use a coloured flagging tape system to let the community know what is ready to harvest. Trees are flagged blue when ripe and ready to harvest. Please pick only what you can eat while in the orchard. **Please wait until fruit is ripe to pick, and do not climb the trees – it can hurt them!**

Great Camas: native to lək'wəŋən and WSÁNEĆ territories, an important part of Garry Oak meadows, look for purple flowers in May.

King of Tompkins County Apple Trees: ~100 years old, part of the original orchard once used as pasture.

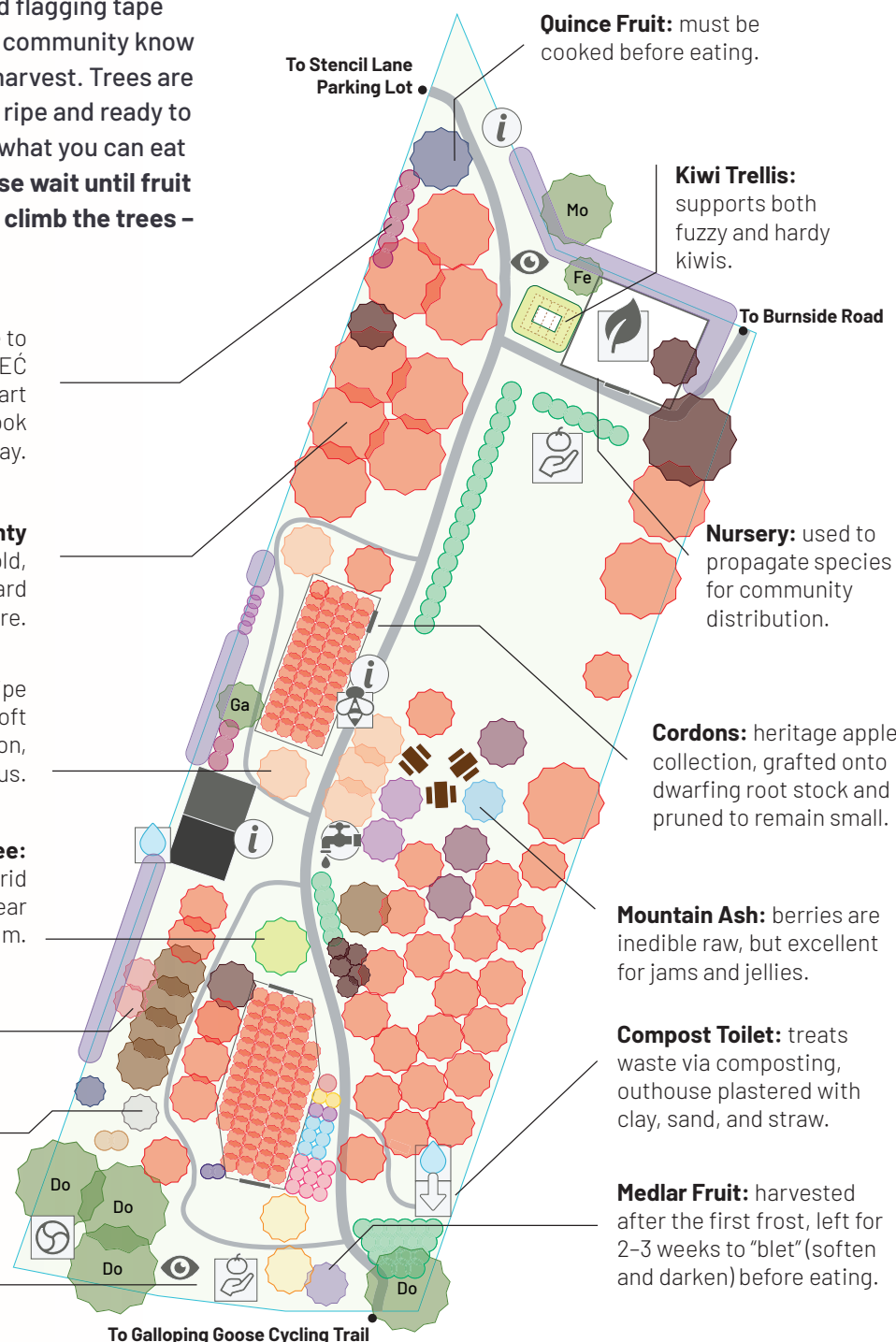
Fig Trees (5 total): ripe figs hang downwards, soft and full like a water balloon, and taste delicious.

Shipova Tree: intergeneric hybrid between European Pear and Common Whitebeam.

Sour Cherries: best picked when bright red (to avoid too much sourness).

Pluot Tree: hybrid between Plum and Apricot.

Raised Accessible Beds: provides opportunities for all community members to be involved.



Trees

Apple	Pear
Quince	Shipova
Pluot	Medlar
Plum	Hazelnut
Persimmon	Sour Cherry
Fig	Mountain Ash
Feijoa	Paw Paw
Douglas Fir	Garry Oak
Monkey Puzzle	

Vines

Grapevines	Kiwi
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Shrubs/Perennials

Blackberry	Raspberry
Blueberry	Currant
Rhubarb	Gooseberry
Ocean Spray	Great Camas
Pollinator Gardens	

Structures

Rain Harvesting	Apple Cordons
Compost Toilets	Compost Bins
Pollinator House	Viewpoint
Seating Area	Sink
Shed	Nursery
Raised Beds	Information Board