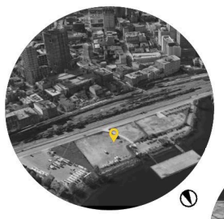
GASTOWN
URBAN PLUG-IN



VANCOUVER, BC
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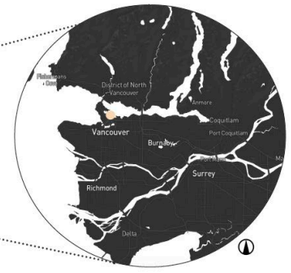

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON VANCOUVER

Coastal flooding
Low-lying agricultural lands becoming too saline for cultivation
Drinking water decreasing in quality and quantity
Increased rainfall
Droughts and soil erosion
Worsened growing seasons

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Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

The Gastown Urban Plug-In is to become a center for urban agriculture in the City of Vancouver. Urban agriculture provides many benefits, such as greening the city, improving biodiversity, making use of under-utilized spaces, and producing food closer to home. Urban farming also enhances the local food economy by creating green jobs, building skills, and shortening food supply chains. The Plug-in is not only an urban farm, but it is a trendy area for people to escape from the city. The Plug-In also incorporates many technologies to help the site function, such as rainwater barrels, vertical farming, hydroponics, solar panels, and an app. Through the use of recycled shipping containers, a market place was created where people can shop and enjoy the site. Within these shipping containers, there are also hydroponic farms so that in the winter months, food can still be grown. Local artists also display their art on the containers to maintain the aesthetics of the space. This space is a destination for events, leisure, and more within the various seasons. By planting various species on the site, it is rich in biodiversity and has become a space for not only the people of Vancouver but also many other species. Through the implementation of the Plug-in, many issues will be addressed, including food security, lessening the effects of air pollution, and increased rainfall. The Plug-In being an adaptable design that can be seen in Vancouver and other cities around the world.

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CLIMATE CHANGE AGAIN

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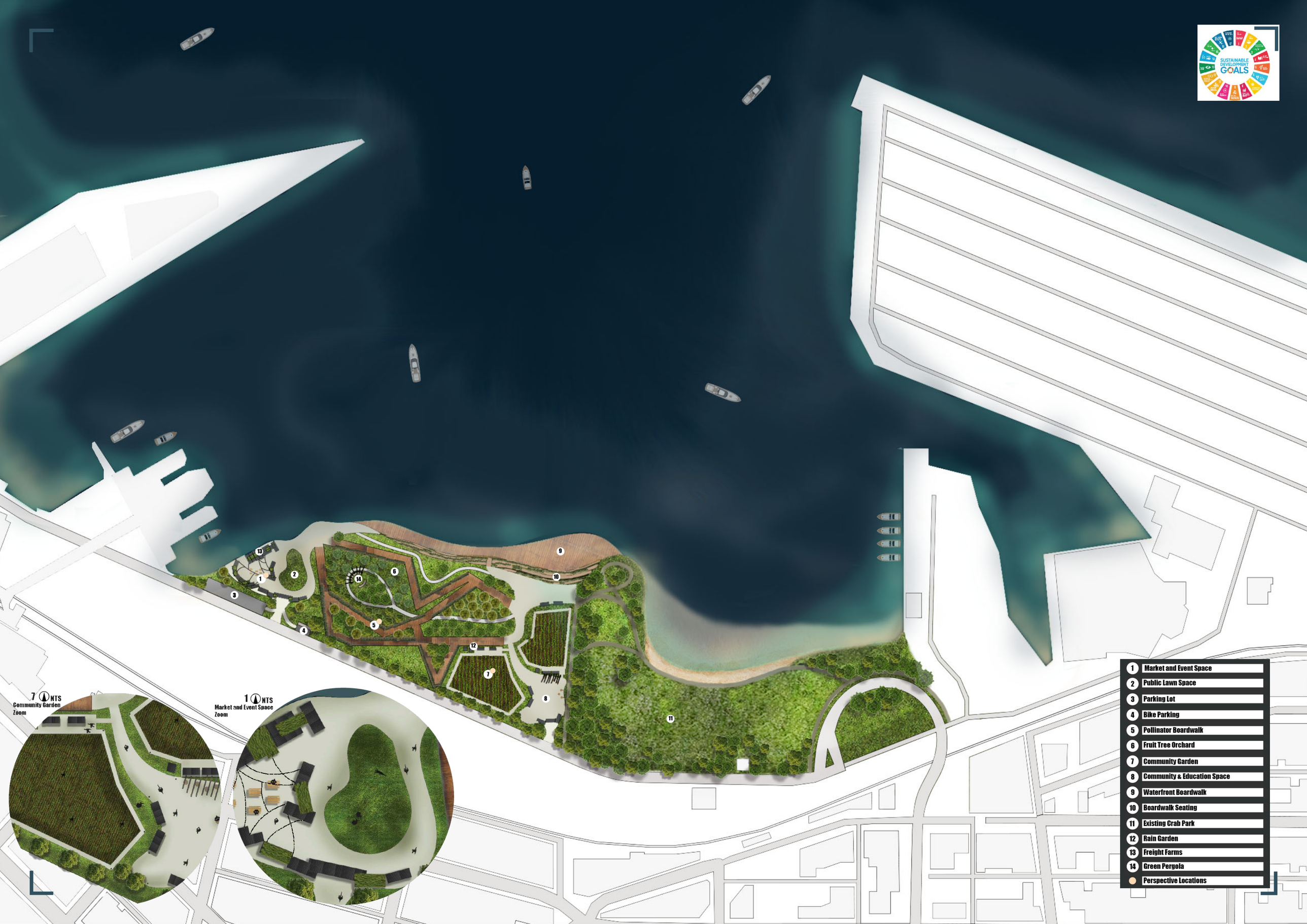
Barcelona September 2020

SCHOOL PRIZE


7 NTS
Community Garden
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Market and Event Space
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2 Public Lawn Space
3 Parking Lot
4 Bike Parking
5 Pollinator Boardwalk
6 Fruit Tree Orchard
7 Community Garden
8 Community & Education Space
9 Waterfront Boardwalk
10 Boardwalk Seating
11 Existing Crab Park
12 Rain Garden
13 Freight Farms
14 Green Pergola
Perspective Locations

THE PLUG-IN

ACTIVITES

Container Farming & Market Place
S S F W

Pollinator Boardwalk & Orchard
S S F W

Waterfront Boardwalk
S S F W

Community Garden
S S F W

GOALS

Support Local Artists

Promote Community Engagement & Provide Food Security

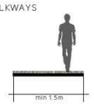
Enhance Biodiveristy

Urban Agriculture Education

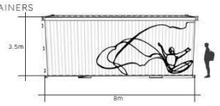
Reduce Impacts of Climate Change

DETAILS NTS

WALKWAYS



CONTAINERS



BOARDWALK RAMP

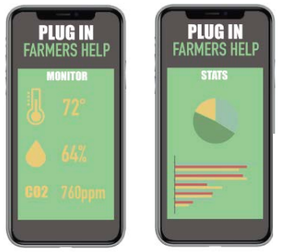
MATERIALS

Recycled Steel (Siding of Boardwalk)

Recycled Plastic (Boardwalks)

Permeable Pavers (All walkways)

TECHNOLOGIES



PLUG IN EDUCATIONAL APP

FREIGHT FARMS

CONTAINER FARMS @FREIGHTFARMS

HYDROPONIC FARMING COMPANY

HYDROPONIC FARMING
DEFINITION
"THE CULTIVATION OF PLANTS BY PLACING THE ROOTS IN LIQUID NUTRIENT SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN IN SOIL; SOILLESS GROWTH OF PLANTS"

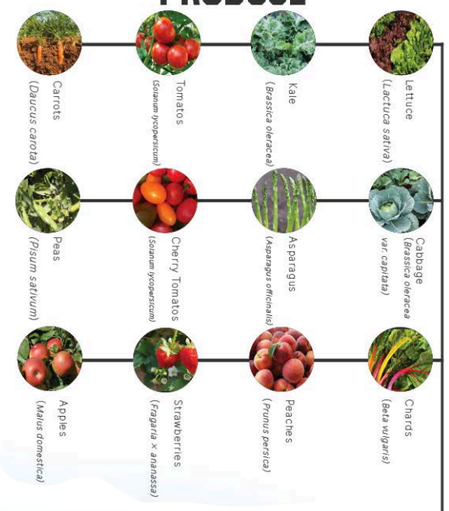
365 PERFECT DAYS OF GROWTH

AMOUNT OF WATER TO GROW
ONE HEAD OF LETTUCE

TRADITIONAL FARMING

HYDROPONIC FARMING

PRODUCE



URBAN AGRICULTURE

1 COMMUNITY FIELDS

The Community Garden reflects traditional urban agriculture and community engagement. This is a space where visitors can go and have a hands on experience, and learn more about agriculture. Visitors can also come and pick their own produce to take home

2 MARKET SPACE/CONTAINER FARMS

The Market Place is the main attraction on the site. It is multi-use and multi-seasonal space where visitors can relax, get some food and learn more about urban agriculture

3 POLLINATOR BOARDWKALK

The Pollinator Boardwalk maintains connectivity throughout the site while also educating visitors on pollinator plants and their biological benifits.

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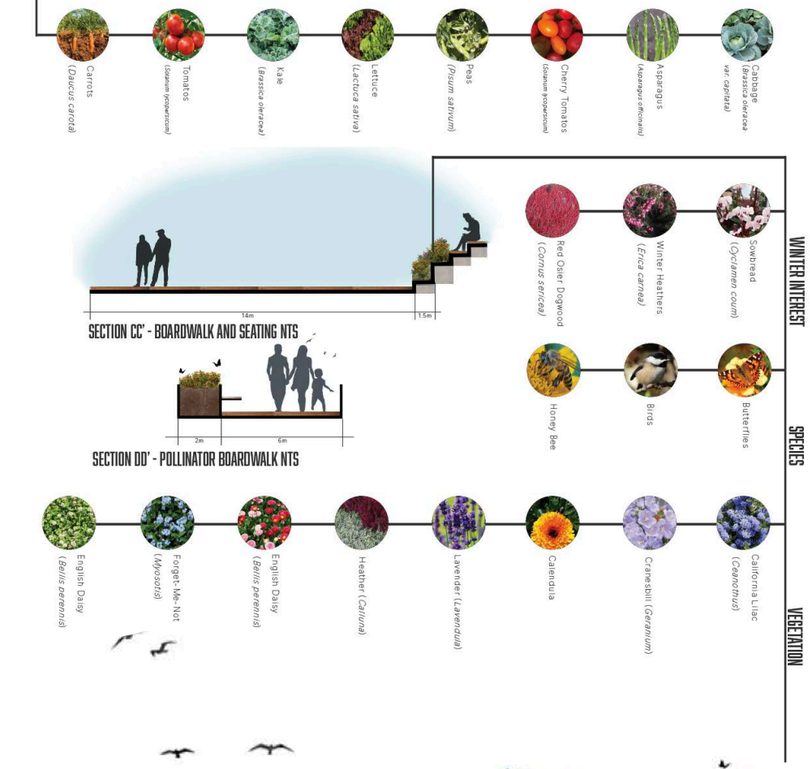

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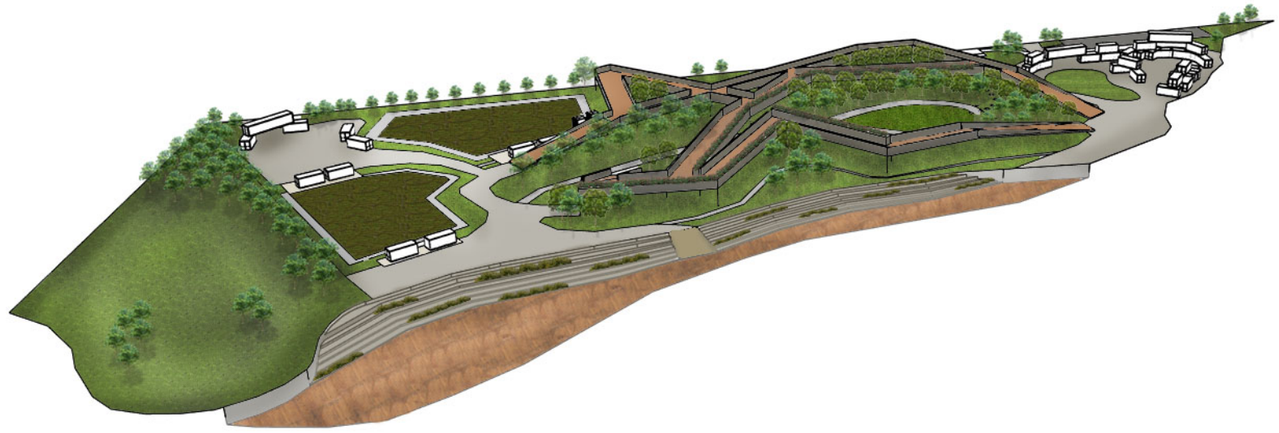

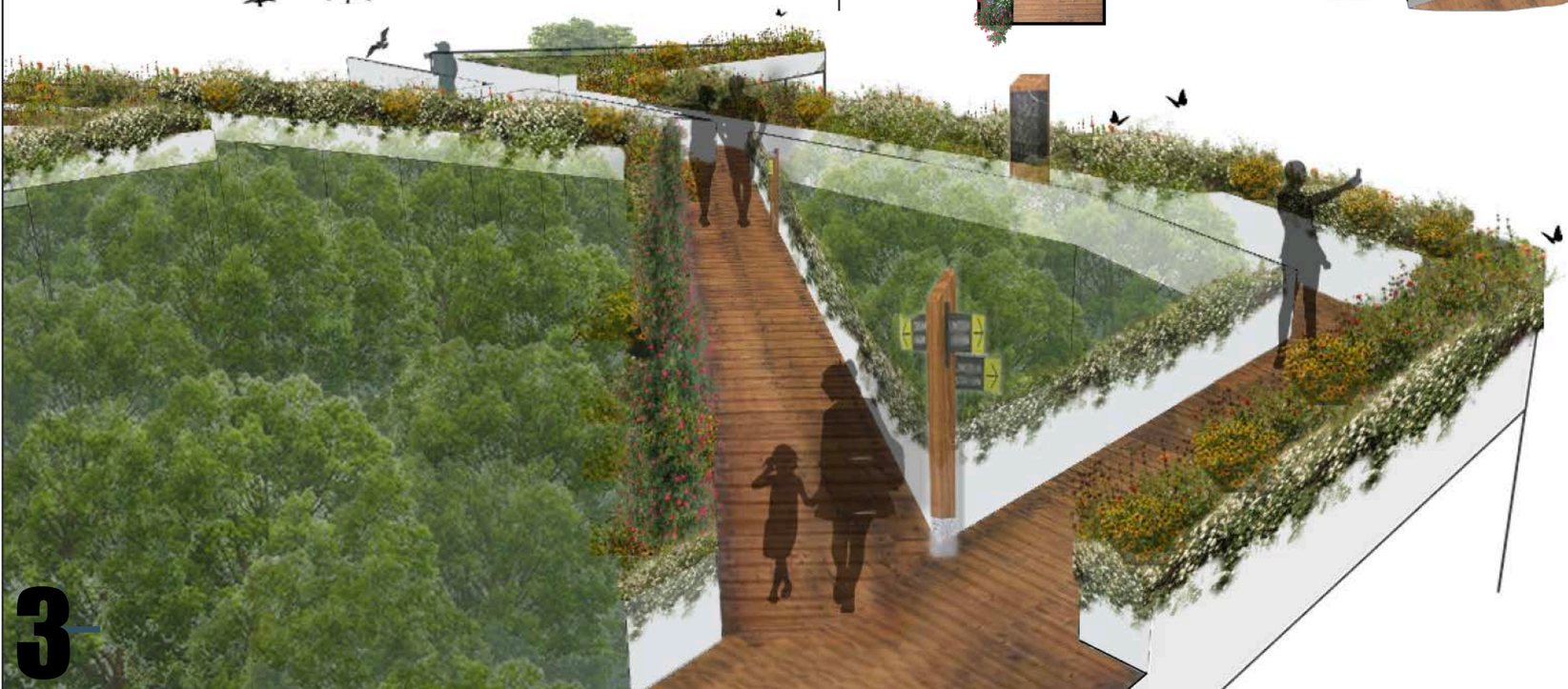

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URBAN AGRICULTURE

Eating locally grown food reduces ecological footprints, decreases waste from packaging, and eases concerns about food safety. Local food is also often fresher, more nutritious, and better tasting.

VANCOUVER'S
COMMUNITY GARDENING ORGANIZATIONS

VUFS

YVA YOUNG AGRARIANS

VANCOUVER'S
GREENEST CITY PLAN

5/ ACCESS TO NATURE
7/ LOCAL FOOD
8/ CLEAN AIR

BENEFITS

SOCIAL: Youth Development & Education, Food Security, Safe Space

HEALTH: Healthy Foods, Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Improving Mental Health

ECONOMIC: Local Economic Simulation, Job Growth, Food Affordability

ECOLOGICAL: Conservation, Stormwater Management, Biodiversity Improvement, Reducing Effects of Climate Change

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

13 CLIMATE ACTION

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