

Phase 3 of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's 'Agricultural Plan Implementation Project' began in late summer 2016.



The 2011 Agricultural Plan set a long term goal of a viable and thriving agricultural community and a target of 40% regional food security by the year 2031.

A duo of consultants is working within the community to achieve this goal, following recommendations outlined in the [Phase 2 Final Report](#).



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

A thriving agricultural community is best be achieved with the participation of all related interest groups. Please contact us with feedback, requests, suggestions and information.



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ACRD Agricultural Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT



Is a thriving agricultural community and a secure, sustainable, and accessible local food system important to you?

Are you involved in food production, distribution, or processing within the ACRD?

*Look inside to
see what's new!*



About the Team



RAISING THE BARN...

Some initiatives of Phase 3...

- 1) *Island Agriculture Show - Port Alberni will be hosting this large scale agricultural event on Feb 3/4, 2017. Contact us to get involved!*
- 2) *Continue to support existing and ongoing projects, such as the Agricultural Use of Water Project and a Buy-Local Campaign*
- 3) *Further investigate and develop opportunities for the establishment of an abattoir in the Alberni Valley*
- 4) *Continue to network, share resources, and encourage new farming operations and markets, both in the Alberni Valley and in coastal communities*
- 5) *Support new projects which enhance or provide agricultural assets within the ACRD*



Heather and Anna met in 2009 while participating in an Organic Master Gardener course through Gaia College. They've become good friends and great team mates, both feeding off and nourishing each other!

Heather Shobe



Heather Shobe is owner/operator of Eden Tree Farm and Gardening, a small farm, teaching, and consulting business in the Alberni Valley. She is a Permaculture designer and an active member of Alberni Valley Transition Towns Food Group.

Heather is committed to helping to cultivate an environmentally sustainable, food secure, and vibrant community culture. Her business projects include starting a local fruit gleaning project and spearheading a school garden initiative.

In 2016, Heather completed a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Community Development through Royal Roads University and she is currently working towards a Masters degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Anna Lewis

Anna Lewis was raised on an Alberni Valley family farm and has witnessed several evolutions of traditional farming, including beef, dairy, hops and forage and inherently understands the challenges facing small and large scale agriculture. Anna has relevant experience with the process of agricultural based business start-up, market research, niche marketing, bookkeeping, grant applications, survey development and conducting interviews.

Anna is currently co-managing Healthy Harvest farm, a farm operated by Canadian Mental Health Association which strives to provide a low stress environment for people diagnosed with a mental illness to work, gain new skills, and produce healthy, organic food. The farm operates a farm gate stand, a CSA box program, and offers an online ordering service for local consumers and restaurants.

