

We are now in *Phase 2* of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's 'Agricultural Plan Implementation Project'.



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

A duo of consultants is working within the community to achieve this goal, following the recommendations outlined in the Phase 1 report, *[Moving Agricultural Forward in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District](#)*.



### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

This project requires the participation of all related interest groups. Please contact us with feedback, requests, suggestions and information.

We are actively collecting data and contact sheets for farmers, those interested in farming or leasing farmland, food buyers, distributors or community groups.



Please email [heather@edentreefarm.ca](mailto:heather@edentreefarm.ca) to join our email list and receive notification of upcoming projects and initiatives.

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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

# ACRD Agricultural Plan IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT



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

Are you a retailer, wholesaler, restaurateur, or individual looking to purchase locally grown agricultural products?

*Look inside to  
see what's new!*



# About the Team



## THE ROAD AHEAD

### *Some initiatives of Phase 2...*

- 1) Participate actively with initiatives and groups involved in agriculture and food security*
- 2) Secure and develop public sites for agricultural use*
- 3) Work with the Young Agrarians to improve access to farmland and recruit new farmers*
- 4) Implement a regional Buy-Local Campaign*
- 5) Support urban farming initiatives*
- 6) Investigate options to support agricultural use of water*
- 7) Work towards a feasibility study for agriculture in coastal communities*



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 - they both feed off and nourish each other!

### Heather Shobe

Heather Shobe is owner/operator of Eden Tree Farm and Gardening, a small farm in the Alberni Valley. Her business projects include starting a local fruit gleaning project and spearheading a school garden initiative. Heather has extensive experience with farm marketing and market research, as well as small farm start-up and operation. She also has experience with identifying and completing grant applications and funding for various projects. Heather is an active member of Alberni Valley Transition Towns Food Group and a board member on the local Vancouver Island Health Authority Community Food Action Initiative.

Heather is also currently working towards a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Community Development through Royal Roads University.



### Anna Lewis

Anna Lewis was raised on an Alberni Valley family farm that currently has four generations residing on it. She 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 small CSA box program and provides a local option for restaurants.

