

# School Gardens

London Community Resource Centre

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Agenda

### Benefits of School Yard Gardens

Recent Growth in London

How to Start Your Garden

**Community Partners** 

Resources



Benefits of School Yard Gardens

### FoodShare Ontario:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgzbYBznyc0#t=55



# Benefits of School Yard Gardens

#### **Essential Life Skills**

#### Hand-on learning

"Field to Table Schools works with educators, parents, and students from JK through Grade 12, to implement hands-on cooking and gardening activities.." – FoodShare Ontario

#### Integrated with curriculum



# Benefits of School Yard Gardens

- How food choices affect environment, health, and surrounding communities
- Opportunity to bring communities together

"kids + gardens + healthy food = stronger communities" -- Richmond Schoolyard Garden Society

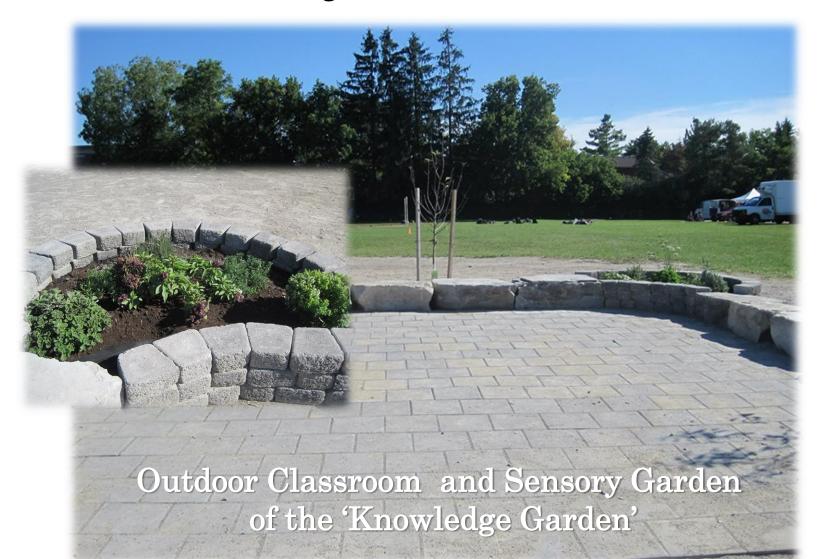




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### How to Start Your Garden

 Buy-in from stakeholders
 Principal, teachers, school board, students, and community members

- ✓ Create a workable design Size and type of garden bed
- ✓ Appropriate location
  Sun, Water, and Soil

✓ Fits in to current schoolyard environment



### Community Partners

London Middlesex Master Gardeners

http://www.londonmiddlesexmastergardeners.com/

Fanshawe College Landscape Design Program

http://www.fanshawec.ca/programs-courses/full-time-programs/dls4-intro

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

https://fef.td.com/

**COPP'S Buildall** 

http://www.coppsbuildall.com/

**Growing Chefs** 

http://growingchefsontario.ca/

Heeman's Nursery

http://www.heeman.ca/





#### FoodShare Ontario

http://www.foodshare.net/school-groups-and-researchers

### **Richmond School Yard Society**

http://www.kidsinthegarden.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=2

### **Edible School Yard Project**

http://edibleschoolyard.org/

### **City Schoolyard Gardens**

http://www.cityschoolyardgarden.org/kids-blog/





#### www.lcrc.on.ca

#### Thank you

**Questions and Discussion**