

Delta Food Coalition

Harvesting Health, Creating Community
What is Community Food Security?



AN INITIATIVE OF THE BC HEALTHY LIVING ALLIANCE, LED BY THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY



Delta Food Coalition - Who are we?

- Corporation of Delta
- Boys' and Girls' Clubs
- Delta Mental Health & Addictions
- Deltassist Family and Community Services Society
- Fraser Health
- Earthwise
- Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust
- Community Members
- Canadian Mental Health Association Delta Branch
- Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Go Green Delta

Definition

- “**Community** food security exists when **all** citizens obtain a safe, personally acceptable, nutritious diet through a just and sustainable food system that maximizes healthy choices, community self-reliance and equal access for **everyone**.”



What's this mean?

- People can get food or food can get to them (it's **accessible**)
- How people get food is **dignified**
- There's **enough, safe, appropriate** food
- Food is **healthy**, so we prevent disease
- The “Food System” **does not harm** the air, land or water for future generations.
- and creates **good jobs and careers**



Delta Food Coalition Vision

‘A sustainable community with healthy food for all.’

The long term vision of our coalition is that food policy be integrated into community decision making in Delta in order to enhance community food security.

Our three goals:

- 1) Decrease hunger
- 2) Improve nutritional health
- 3) Increase local food sustainability

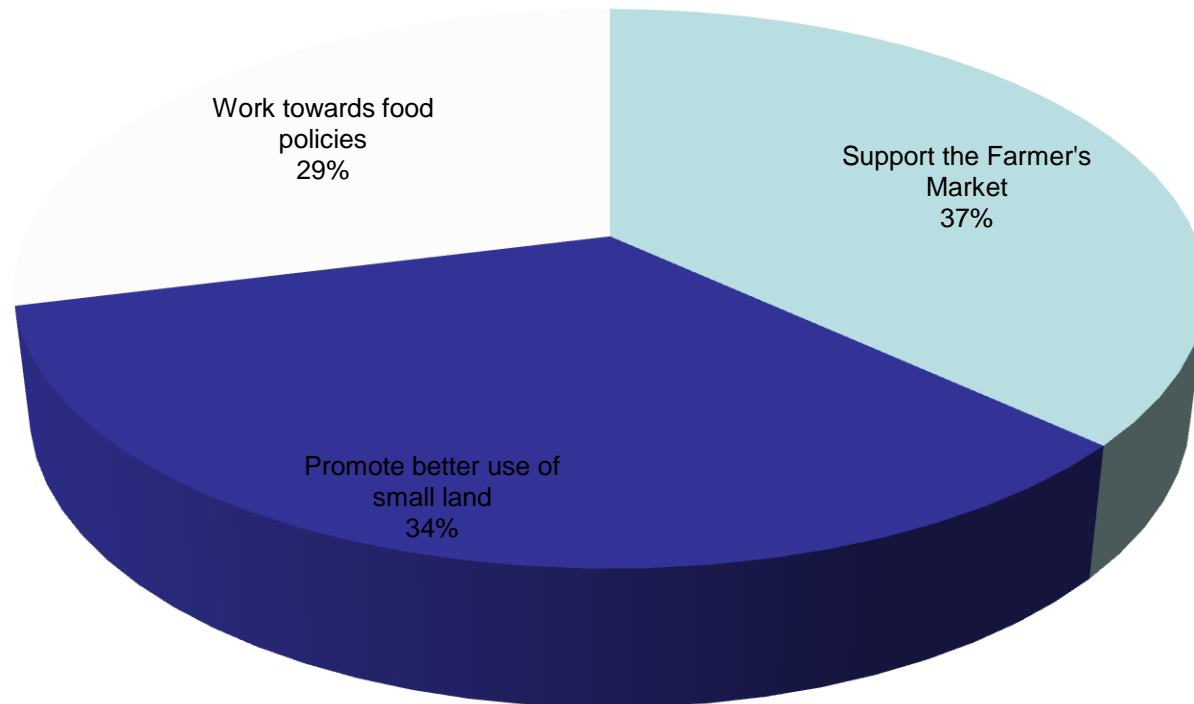
Highlights of our work

- Participation in numerous community events:
 - Grow Local Fair
 - Day at the Farm
 - North Delta Rotary
 - Let's Talk Food Forums
 - Delta Cable TV – interviews
 - Community Survey
 - Go Green Delta
 - Kirkland House
 - Corporation of Delta Lunch and Learn



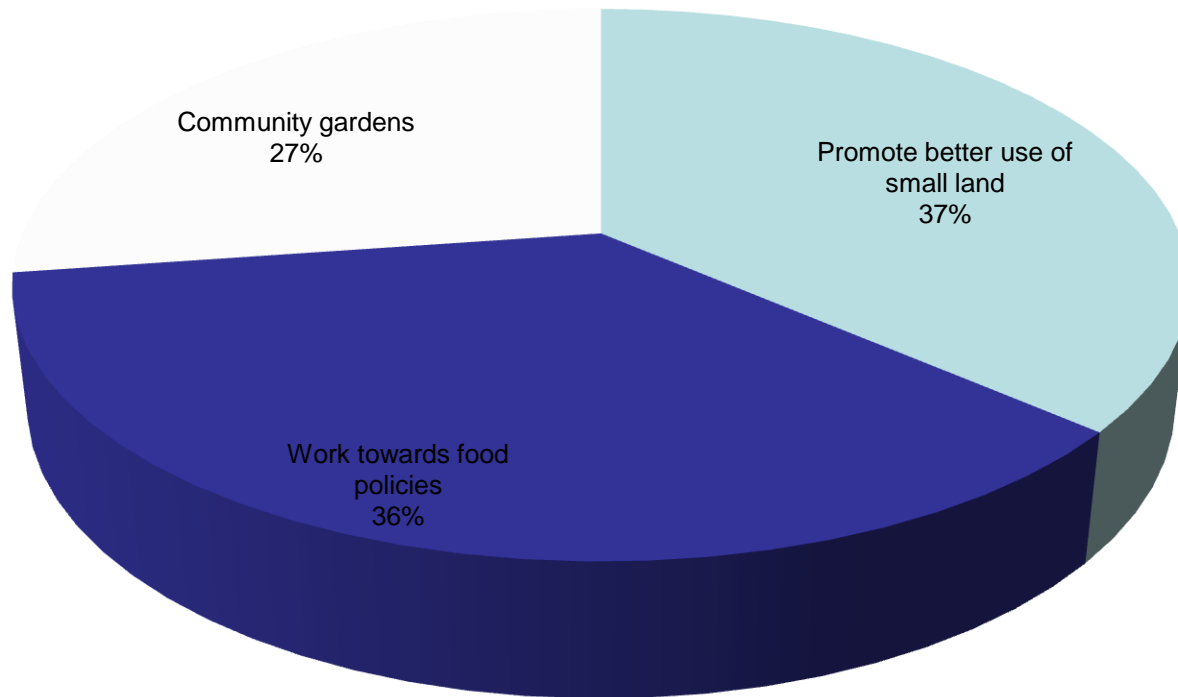
Grow Local Fair August 2009

Earthwise Event



A Day at the Farm September 2009

A Day at the Farm



Importance of Collaboration

- Increased Resources
- Cost Savings
- Economies of Scale and Scope
- Improved Visibility/Name Recognition
- Synergies



Next Steps

- **Collaboration** – active participation with the Corporation of Delta through the Agricultural Advisory Committee
- **Momentum** – Corporation of Delta representative present at Delta Food Coalition Committee meetings





Earthwise Grow Local Fair

Delta Food Coalition
Committee members



Thank You

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