

Blaine C.O.R.E. Project

“Creating edible yards”

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Blaine Community Orchards for Resources and Education

Mission Statement

To provide city wide enhancement and beautification on a multitude of levels by planting food bearing trees, bushes and vines that offer wildlife shelter and food; soil enhancement; water retention and food to residents of Blaine.

Goals—Resources and Education

1. Identify any produce bearing trees/bushes/vines on publicly owned properties which can be harvested for the benefit of community resources including, but not limited to Blaine Food Bank and fundraising for Blaine C.O.R.E.
2. Establish a “Blaine Glean Team” to work with the Small Potatoes Gleaning Project, to encourage Blaine residents and specifically food bank recipients to participate in harvesting produce and plan/tree maintenance
 - To endeavor to supply the Blaine Food Bank with fresh, local produce, from a variety sources such as city owned properties and privately owned trees that are “overproducing” for the owner’s use, to supplement their supplies
3. To encourage Blaine residents and other community oriented groups such as churches, the senior center and the food bank to participate in the full spectrum of the project, as well as the adoption and management of produce bearing plants, throughout city.
4. Establish a demonstration orchard which shall provide for the cornerstone of educational programs providing:
 - Regular schedule of classes which shall be offered free of charge or at a nominal rate to the general public for the purpose of teaching individuals how to plant, establish and care for produce bearing bushes, trees and vines.
 - Classes to teach individuals how to manage and store produce
5. Assist the local school by offering our fruit arboretum as a learning tool. Encouraging both Horticulture programs and the local FFA to collaborate with us on various programs that will mutually benefit the students and the Blaine CORE project.
 - To assist and support the establishment of an orchard on school grounds, if desired
6. Planting Edible Yards—Organize and maintain a revenue stream which would assist with the purchase and maintenance of produce bearing plants which would be made available for city residents for planting in street easements, and on private property

Planning for the future, today.

To volunteer to help glean seasonal fruit or if you have produce to be gleaned

Please contact Max Morange, Coor. Small Potatoes Gleaning, Email: glean@bellinghamfoodbank.org

Or call (360) 739-5274

For more information on participating or helping the Blaine CORE Project, call 332-7435 or 332-8311