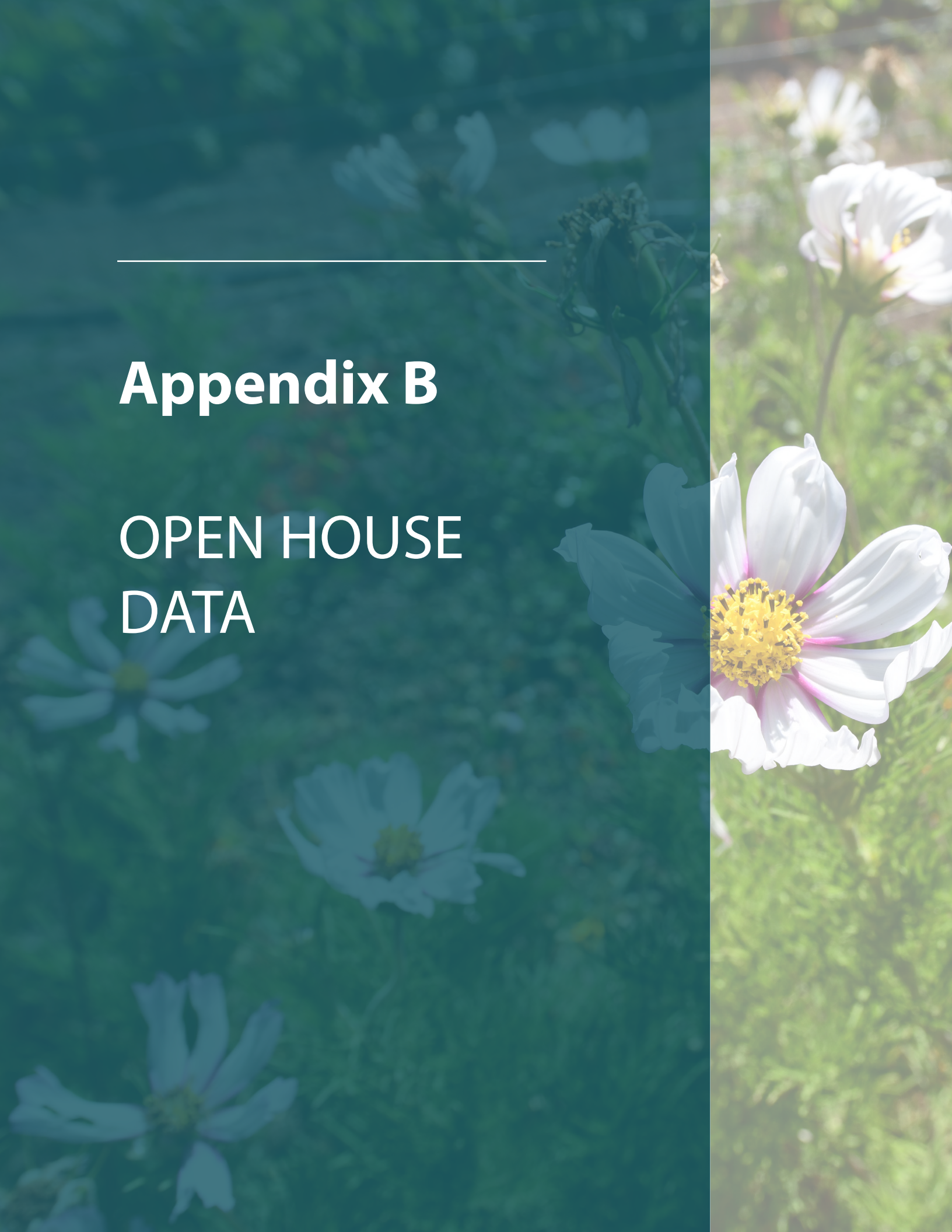


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# Appendix B

## OPEN HOUSE DATA



# DETAILED OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS

- I voted Carrot and I'd like to see the existing house used by those working the land.
- Thanks for supporting these food projects but it is not enough land to grow the food we need to eat.
- No more housing – we gave plenty of traffic – houses will destroy the park.
- If housing is added it might be nice to build for rotational farm education program participants. Such as VIU agriculture programs or WWOOfers.
- 5 acres for food security! For now and future generations.
- Sandstone Hill – 726 acres, 5 Acre Farm – 5 acres
- Affordable housing on Salvation Army property is better and having groups build affordable projects.
- Park Avenue Engagement Summary Sept. 22 on City website: Priority was #1 Food Security.
- The Agri-Hood for the South End of the city. We are over densified.
- No housing! Historical value; food security; emergency preparedness; combat climate change; healthy local food/healthy community; train future farmers; protect the orchard.
- There are other sites in the area that could be used for affordable housing. The Salvation Army at Bruce Street, plus the lot just up the street for sale which is already zoned for town-houses.
- What is “Affordable” housing?
- The next (7) generations must have green space and not concrete!
- Build a community centre – teach food security.
- Presently affordable housing builds concentrated in downtown and Newcastle area.
- There is a lot of affordable housing in Harewood. It needs to be distributed throughout the city. Especially putting some in Hammond Bay area – lots of land there.
- We all agree on the need for low rent housing. But, please not at the expense of valuable farm land. We need to think long term. Saving this farm is protecting land for the future.
- Thank you for the opportunity for public input. I love the idea of affordable housing but not on this piece of land.
- Perhaps – allotments – large enough to actually produce enough for a family (that does not have garden space).
- I'm in support of family low income housing but not in support of low barrier or mental health and addictions supportive housing. We have a huge problem here already – don't need more.
- There are a lot of opportunities to develop affordable/supportive housing – shame on the City for not doing more and for proposing to do it here.
- We need to reduce the carbon footprint of our food.
- I thought the previous owner of the private residence was under the impression that that area would be an extension of the farmed area.
- What about allotments for people in the area with small or no space to grow vegetables?
- Option 5 “Carrot” give our community the opportunity to experience and grow with nature and local food and rebuilding these precious relationships takes time. City of Nanaimo needs to prioritize these relationships (with land) – they are integral to our collective health.
- We need to orient the current subdivisions surrounding the farm to embrace it fully.
- I'm a renter who would really benefit from affordable housing BUT I still don't support building housing on this land. Keep the Five Acres Farm intact! We need it.

- Protect green space, the more the better. Food security is important on the Island. Preserve cultural and historical values. Stop paving paradise.
- Allotments for food growing for Nanaimo people on the Carrot option!
- Education is key for children to care for the earth – we need agri space.
- Preserve it by growing foods and recreation only . . .
- Consult does not equal consent! Look at the votes.
- If it is historical land – leave it alone, let people enjoy the land – no housing!!
- Surely we could build housing in another location. Food security and education plus wetland protection is more important. This remaining 5 acre historical farming area should be preserved.
- The very last of the 5 acres! Valuable for the next generations for green space.
- The City speaks off Food Security – here is the opportunity.
- Nothing is more critical to our grandchildren then the need for a center for Sustainable Education – 933 Park Avenue!
- Nanaimo has a lot of room to intelligently densify and grow housing options but not as expense of food lands.
- There are other options and many ways to create affordable housing. Land for agriculture cannot be created so this is not a suitable site for housing.
- Regeneration for the next generation! Why was there no affordable housing the first time there was houses built there??????
- Don't pour concrete on this green space please!
- It's heritage – fruit trees +++ Keep it like this, all of it!! Feed people- be brave leaders for our community.
- I favour the Apple design because it combines the historical and social threads of the community over the last 150 years. #1 subsistence farming as envisioned when the 5 acre plots were done. #2 Affordable housing as the Harewood Improvement District laid out over the 5 acre plots in the 1960s. #3 the inclusion of park as the Improvement District achieves with Colliery Dam Park.
- Keep farmland fertile – full evaluation of the Five Acre ecosystem for local food production. This farm needs to produce food for generations to come.
- We need to protect this wetland and creek. Work that MABRRI did with the community in 2018 identified this creek as a tributary to Chase River which was used by Coho, Rainbow Trout and Stickleback. Affordable housing will remove needed green space around wetland which may ultimately affect our native fish species. Keep the Five Acre Far as park space only.
- These maps do not accurately represent the perennial plantings and heritage trees that exist here.
- To bad nobody was defending the other 199 (five acre lots).
- BC has huge areas of land to build housing, "not" on a 5 acre historical land.
- The site can support housing, food production and education.
- The historical value is immeasurable. Protect wetlands. Education for sustainable gardens.
- Curious to know how much of the 5 acres was actually farmed historically? Not all 5 acres?
- Hi Council, please keep the last farm. Thanks.
- Five Acres Farm is for farming as a community (all 5).
- Money spent developing this property is better spent somewhere else. This neighbourhood does not need more high density housing as the roads can't accommodate the traffic. No more affordable housing or bike lanes. Leave the property as it is.
- Could the existing house provide accommodation for farm workers?

- More space for local food production is so important. I wish there was more 5 acre parcels that had been preserved.
- Leave the entire 5 acres as a green space. Could add pollinator gardens with educational signage. The native pollinators would benefit the agricultural gardens.
- A heritage farm has great value that is unique and important. Keep the farm!
- Grab the opportunity to create an agricultural area that celebrates the historical 5 acres and incorporate this historical element in development. Currently new housing coming on 8th, 5th and 4th Streets and lots of existing lots around Harewood. Move \$ from Rec or ? account to "payback" housing \$ used. Honour Craig's vision.
- Please re-allocate the housing funds to affordable housing on non-arable non-farm land.
- I chose Option 5 (carrot) as we live on a farm. We are always hearing protect farm land, especially heritage at all cost. I feel the city is not doing this under the guise of affordable housing. We get absolutely no help or breaks with our family run farm. Leave some land as it was.
- Consider low level trail lighting on all concepts for max hours of use.
- Can the housing space in Option 4 be pushed up to Park Ave? The stream/wetland t the back is ephemeral and requires more/or as much meadow/grassland as possible. This way the city won't have to payback \$ for the land.
- Allow a community group to use/maintain/rebuild the house as a food hub – food processing/distribution.
- This agricultural area is needed to grow food for the people so we don't need to rely on importing from places far away like California!