



**FARMER ENGAGEMENT AND GLEANING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

**Project Pilot Summary:**

Fernwood Helping Hands -- a collaborative outreach program between Fernwood NRG and LifeCycles Project Society-- is exploring multiple options on sourcing increased volumes of fresh foods to food insecure individuals and communities in the Capital Regional District. This project explores further engagement and support of local food production through farm gleaning or accessing unsaleable farm product post-market.

To undertake the farm gleaning project, Fernwood NRG has contracted LifeCycles Project Society to utilize their existing 'Fruit Tree Project' systems, specialized knowledge and relationships within the local farm community to undertake the farmer-relationship building required, invoice-tracking, management of volunteer training, and recording the cost/benefit of the farm gleaning program.

**Farmer Participants**

Farmers participating in the Farm Gleaning project are eligible to receive an in-kind tax receipts for the estimated market value of product, considered to be a donation, as long as the produce maintains a market value.

**LifeCycles Deliverables**

<b>Step 1</b>	Farmers contact the Farm Gleaning Coordinator when they have crop available, either for pick-up or an on farm pick.
<b>Step 2</b>	The Coordinator then organizes trained volunteers to travel to farm to harvest available produce or pick-up previously harvested produce
<b>Step 3</b>	The Farmer provides an invoice for the produce donated, and is then eligible for an in-kind tax receipt
<b>Step 4</b>	The Coordinator brings food to Fernwood NRG, where the food is used in the Good Food Box program, community meals, community kitchen workshops, wherein the produce gleaned is redistributed to folks experiencing food insecurity.

Agreement made between LifeCycles Project Society and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of farm) to participate in Fernwood Helping Hands 2017 season (June to November).

**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Jesse Howardson, Farm Gleaning Coordinator      (Farmer name & Farm) \_\_\_\_\_