

Volunteer Job Description: Vancouver Urban Farming Society Community Surveyors

About the Vancouver Urban Farming Society:

Over the past five years, Urban Farming has seen phenomenal growth in Vancouver. Starting with just two or three farms five years ago, Metro Vancouver now boasts close to 30 urban farms.

In the past two years urban farmers started working together to raise the profile of urban farming in Vancouver and increase the sustainability of their urban farming businesses. Early achievements include the development of an active urban farming listserv, a monthly newsletter and www.urbanfarmers.ca and the hosting of urban farmer gatherings, discussion sessions, urban farming workshop series and the 2011 and 2012 urban farming forums.

Since October 2012, our research team has been working on developing a made in Vancouver urban farming practices guide that will be used by the farming community, policymakers, and other communities. As part of our community based research approach **we are looking to recruit and work with approximately 10 community surveyors from across the City of Vancouver who will survey the public on their perceptions and experiences of urban farming.**

Community Surveyor Tasks:

- Attend a mandatory orientation on August 19 from 6-7 PM in Gastown;
- Engage with a minimum of 10 members of the public from their neighbourhood to complete the *Urban Farming Public Perceptions* community survey;
- Work with research coordinators to give back survey information in a timely manner.

How to Apply, Time Commitment & Compensation:

If you are interested in applying to be a community surveyor, please fill in the electronic application form: [link](#) by **August 15. We will be contacting people on August 16 with confirmation of whether we have a position for them or not.**

The time commitment is from August 19-September 13 (schedule very, very flexible) with approximately 15-20 hours of work required overall. A \$100 honorarium will be given to all community surveyors who successfully complete the minimum quota of surveys for their neighbourhood. Please contact research@urbanfarmers.ca with any questions.