

Salt Spring Island Administration

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to support the funding application from the Farmland Trust regarding their planned Food Summit to be held in late November.

The Salt Spring Island Food Summit will bring together, for the first time, key individuals and representatives from Salt Spring, First Nations and the surrounding Southern Gulf Islands who have expertise in food production, policy, and related issues to help develop a coordinated plan to achieve food security on Salt Spring.

This summit is one element of a 4-pronged approach to improving food security, including boosting food production, aggregating food produced, building the local food customer base, and a public engagement campaign.

The CRD will participate and has funded and partnered with the Farmland Trust and other agricultural alliance organizations on a number of projects, including the update of Salt Spring's Area Farm Plan, the Root food hub, the establishment of our island's first large scale composting facility, and the Grow Local initiative.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Holman,

Director, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

Cc Colin Plant, CRD Chair

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