



Local Food Fund Grant Recipient 2010: **Shelburne County Women's Fishnet**

Name : Shelburne County Women's Fishnet
Area served : (Eastern) Shelburne County
Project : Funds to establish a Community Garden
Amount Granted : \$2000

Shelburne County, known for its fishing and hunting industries, has started work on a new community garden that will provide fresh herbs and vegetables for community members. A grant from the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's Local Food Fund will seed the initiative by the Shelburne County Women's Fishnet to establish a community garden. The Women's Fishnet has successfully created a Farmers' Market that has left people asking for more local, fresh produce. The new garden will help foster community spirit and serve to teach new generations about building sustainable food sources, cooking, preserving and sharing parts of the local heritage. The Shelburne County Women's Fishnet has partnered with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne to secure the Local Food Fund grant. Many locals have donated their time, land and equipment to make the project a reality. In autumn of 2010 the land was tilled and fertilized with local green crab, seaweeds and kelps.

The garden is located next to a natural habitat for deer and rabbits so it is important to somehow protect the garden. Deer and rabbits are destructive to vegetables gardens and must be encouraged to feed in their own natural habitat.

A community-wide meeting was held in late fall and was well attended. The school, a variety of rural families and organizations have committed to participating in the start up tasks. Even in the initial stages the project has been helping to make connections between existing local programs and will help bring together the elderly who may not be able to have their own gardens but have knowledge and experience to share with the younger generations.

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