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## 1 habitat protection - 24 ac

Existing habitats include a mature douglas fir forest, cattail wetland, hog's gulch, and gramminoid wetland riparian areas. Badger dens can also be found. These spaces have the potential to support Indigenous harvesting practices and contribute to the health of local ecosystems. As such, they should be protected from development or disturbance and with appropriate partnerships and funding, restoration should also be pursued.

## 2 farmland leases - 90 ac

Providing farmers with reliable access to land will support local agriculture and strengthen regional food systems. Lessees will have access to irrigation and the opportunity to collaborate with other land-users. Land access will be determined by the types of crops being farmed and their irrigation needs, and the willingness of lessees to farm without chemical inputs.

## 3 community garden - 1 ac

A community garden can be built close to the site parking lot and perimeter trail, providing access to 40 raised garden beds for community members of all ages and abilities. This space will help to replace the patchwork farms community garden which recently closed, and will help facilitate education and community building around local harvesting and agriculture.

## 4 food forest - 0.5 ac

Food forests are rooted in Indigenous methods of cultivation and are designed around the aim of encouraging the growth of plant foods, medicines and materials. Establishing a food forest on site would provide opportunities for ecological stewardship through local harvesting and a space for education and community building.

## 5 pollinator meadows - 2 ac

Pollinator meadows are designed to attract birds and insects that will support the surrounding ecosystem through pollination. 2-acres could be allocated for the creation of two pollinator-friendly meadows. However, pollinator-friendly plants could be included throughout the site, in semi-natural areas or in hedgerows. Having these plants on site is an act of ecological stewardship and an excellent education opportunity.

## 6 community farm - 5 ac

A non-profit community farm would sell half of its produce, and provide the rest to community organizations like local food banks, school lunch programs, or the Good Food Box. The farm could also host field trips for K-12 students, student internships, and workshops for the wider community.

## 7 research and teaching farm - 12 ac

This area will be allocated to research and knowledge mobilization around regenerative agricultural practices and will support the agriculture community. The space could also include a farm school, facilitating education opportunities for local farmers through classes, workshops, farm tours and conferences. Such a space could be managed by KPU in collaboration with local organizations and educational institutions.

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