

The Agricultural Land Reserve at a Crossroads

40 years of Farmland Preservation in Southwestern British Columbia



The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) has served as a defining feature of British Columbia agriculture since it was instituted 40 years ago. Applications to exclude land earlier placed in the reserve occur frequently and generate concern both from farmers and the general public; when approved, they affect not only a specific piece of land but also the surrounding landscape. As the ALR was founded before geographic information systems technology was available, changes over time to the land reserve have not been easily visualized or understood. Dr. Lenore Newman and her research team have produced a set of maps and accompanying photographs of the changing boundaries of the ALR in the Lower Mainland that illustrates both the strengths and vulnerabilities of the reserve in a way that they have not been displayed previously.

Exhibition Opening:
October 1, 2014, 4:00 pm
Abbotsford Campus, B101

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Featuring a series of ten-minute “lightning talks” which will provide focused introductions to the present and past of the ALR and Lower Mainland agriculture.

Following the talks we will proceed to the Gallery, B136, for a reception and viewing of the exhibition.

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