






# REAPS

 **The Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society** was established with the mandate of fostering environmental stewardship in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. For over 30 years, we have raised community awareness on the importance of the seven Rs and the resources available locally to help guide residents in adopting a more sustainable lifestyle.

 **Our Vision:**  
A waste-free Northern BC.





# REAPS - Our Role

## Supporting the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Local residents and business

## Environment and Climate Change

- Recycling and waste reduction are fundamental
- Student engagement programs

## Outreach and Engagement

- Working with adults and youth on a variety of topics





# Compost Demonstration Garden

- ♻️ After 27 years of operation and over 30,000 visitors, the garden site was returned to Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- ♻️ Opportunity to plan for the future - **Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden** to be located adjacent to the expanded DDBGS Botanical Garden at UNBC
- ♻️ REAPS is excited about the potential for enhanced outreach programs, including stronger connections with local food security







# Redevelopment Project

## What will it include:

- Growing space for social support agencies
- Display of types of backyard composter
- Rainwater collection system

## What will we offer:

- Workshops on composting, vermicomposting, recycling
- Tours / activities / workshops / information for schools, community groups and residents
- Where to recycle / repair items






# Redevelopment Project

## Work to be done in Phase 1 (2023):

- Site Preparation: \$ 12,225
- Utilities and Services: \$ 104,500
- Site Security: \$ 24,650
- Buildings: \$ 16,000
- Garden Materials: \$ 75,248
- Design: \$ 5,000
- **Total: \$ 237,623**



 Approximately \$470,000 to complete the project



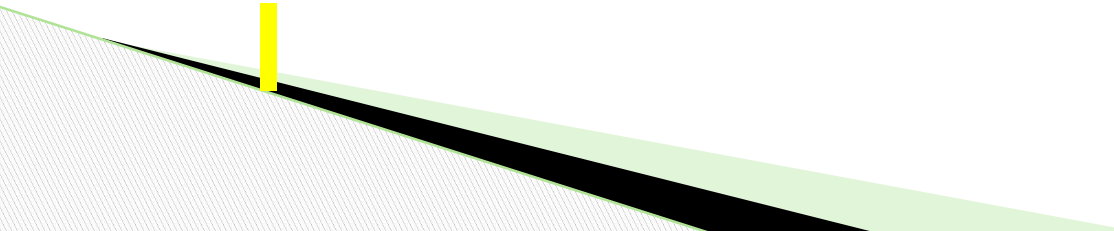
# Funding Request

 REAPS is actively seeking grant funding for the work:

- Growing medium, shed
- Gravel surfacing, gazebo / seating area



 REAPS pledged \$40,000 to DDBGS to assist in matching their NDIT grant (was spent on land clearing & levelling of our site). 

REAPS requests \$100,000 (cash and/or in-kind) from the City of Prince George to support the critical initial steps of developing the Garden site, including final grading & top-dressing, installation of power & water connections





# Next Steps

-  Request that the Mayor and Council approve the request for \$100,000 (cash and/or in-kind) in support
-  Review future opportunities for partnerships in community engagement around waste reduction, climate change, recycling, and local food security.





# Thank You

