

WORKSHOP 4

Food for Thought:
Leveraging existing assets
to define excellence in a
sustainable urban food system

June 18, 2015 - 5.30 PM - 8.00 PM

Feedback,
Issues & Ideas

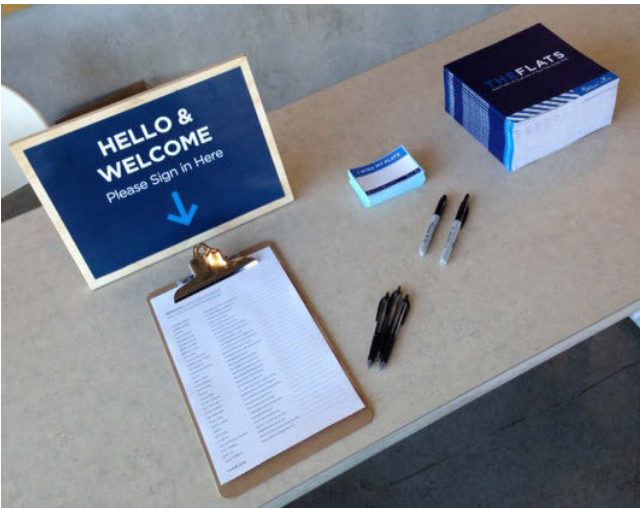
WORKSHOP OUTLINE

- 1. Introductions & Presentation
- 2. Key Issue - Sticky Notes Exercise
- 3. Facilitator Report Back Key Issues
- 4. Break (Facilitators sort issues into major themes at tables)
- 5. Opportunities, Challenges & Ideas
- 6. Facilitator Report Back
- 7. Conclude - Thank You

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National Works Yard
701 National Avenue
Vancouver



KEY ISSUES

After a brief presentation, workshop participants were asked to discuss and document what they felt were the key issues that the False Creek Flats planning process needed to address, related to the workshops topic (Working in the Flats: Inner-City Industrial and Employment Intensification). The key issues were collected and organized into major themes, and these themes were used to arrange focused discussions on opportunities, challenges and ideas during the final part of the workshop.

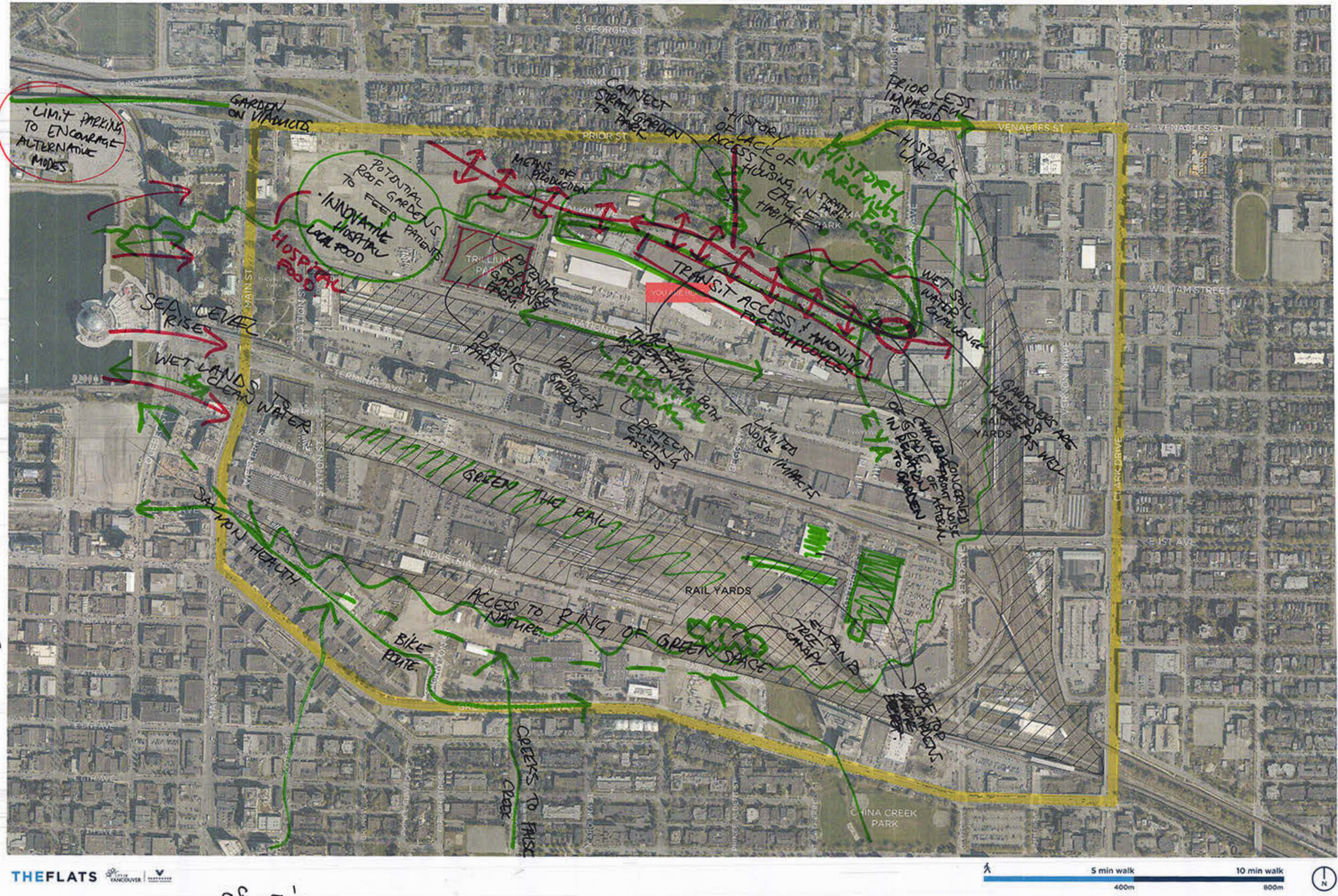


Sticky-Note Feedback: Key Issues

ISSUES THEMES	Distribution & Production/ Business	Strengthen & Securing Community Gardens	Access to Food / Social Amenity	Waste	Innovation
RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	Soil quality	Urban farming	Food access close to public transport, supermarket	Food waste è Resource	Support unusual experimental approaches
	Goal - build on existing distribution system. Expand to wholesale, to retail (sic) to recycling	Preserve what we have for green/ food systems. Already Strathcona / Cottonwood gardens as prime examples	"Invisible" chinese growers, wholesalers, distributor network	Eating foods that currently go to waste è food bank	Matching excess/potential waste with those in need. (Connecting restaurant shops with social provides of community needs.)
	Infrastructure to help local food economy. Malkin Ave is over capacity.	Expand Cottonwood but allow flexibility for some change along Malkin, so that the winds outweigh the downs	Profiling of food business in the Flats	Food packaging waste	Food access, food recovery and processing, verticle growing, learning about food
	How does this connect with farmers around Vancouver?	Homeless and campers in gardens	Local population and demographics (local food demands)	Need more food growing spaces	Create food growing pilot projects
	Highly mobile, non-truck, food distribution throughout city and by rail to region	Support and grow Cottonwood for food source, pollinator centre and research centre. Increase programming, make it more accessible.	Workforce	Infrastructure for food recovery resources from local farms and job opportunities for low-income families	Integrated food "zone" with shared resources between food biz / farmers markets
	Access to roofs for growing	Retain and strengthen Cottonwoods gardens	Collaboration	Introduce policy to divert food that will otherwise be wasted	Local food and relationship with Hospital?
	Zoning - Pro foods biz	Expand Cottonwood	Connections to surrounding neighbourhoods	Increase OPPS for composting and recycling	Healthy eating, market space, local and fresh, cold/freezer space
	Maximizing space for food production - eg. Rooftops, parking lots, empty space	Strengthen programming Cottonwood	Access to social food spaces	Vegetable and plant recycling	Food excellence, build on current strengths
	Availability of land/rooftop space for food production	Celebrate the history and legacy of gardens	More then Tim Hortons	Larger scale food waste	Foster incubator for small food businesses
	Rooftop access (rooftop farming)	Concern with composting in gardens (contamination) rodents	Access to food	Community gardens	Allow space/foster urban farmers
	Access for food trucks	Preserve and enhance gardens	Places to eat		Rental kitchens, social enterprise (incubator)
	Security vs. temporary		Businesses operating in languages other than English		Providence: food therapy and health links
	Large scale production kitchen to facilitate more timely and cohesive food recovery		Creative building, amenities sharing		
	Temporary unused areas could be used for crops		Difficult to get local food content into distribution		
	Rail freight (sic) food from Fraser Valley		Flexible cold storage		
	Land availability & affordability		Flexible frontage / resources		
	Permanent farmers market on local food asset				
	Connectivity within the Flats		Other		
	Public access and movement		Preserve and enhance important food components that are already in place ie. Strathcona Gardens		
	Transportation / access to Flats		Food excellence - look at what's already in place		
	OPPS for local food producers to access distribution chains		"Composting and recycling is important - education - getting people to compost at home"		
	Food hub; centre for (social) resources		Address and think about issue of composting knowledge (rodents, contamination, etc.)		
	Connectivity of food systems and resources		Homeless and campers in gardens and larger area - need to consider food and shelter		
	Food port		Commercial urban farms are important and should be nurtured / space		
	Not losing and industrial and employment land				
	Food retail - not much in neighbourhood				
	Inefficient distribution models				
	Lack of easy movement around the area				
	Not enough beer here				
	Fluid traffic/logistics				

OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES & IDEAS

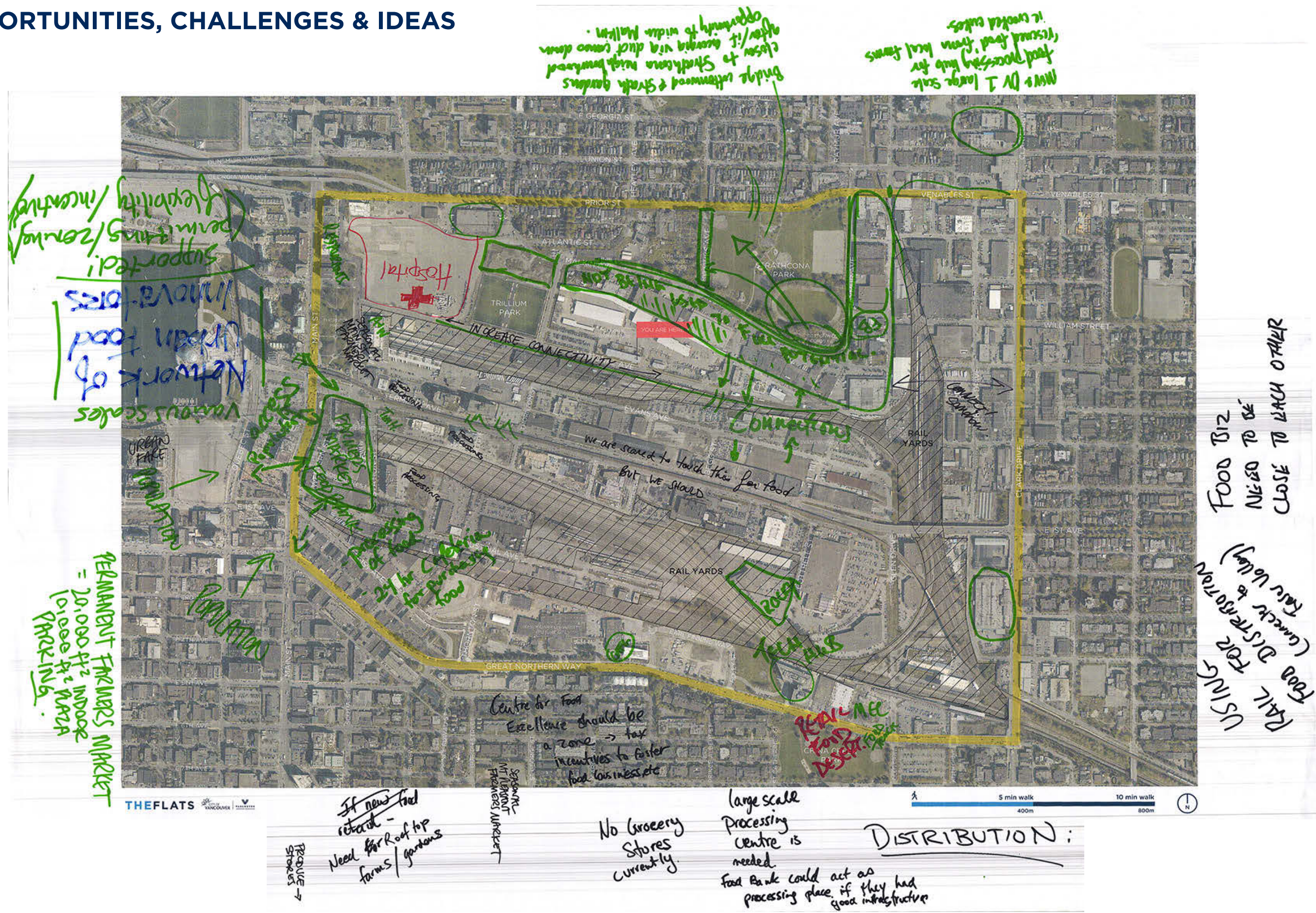
COMMUNITY GARDENS



A LOT OF ARE
GARDENS BUT
CONCENTRATED BUT
MAYBE NOT HERE.

- Focus on
LOCAL FOOD
w/ CLIMATE
CHANGE. FEED
OURSELVES.

OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES & IDEAS



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Refrigerated
Shipping Containers
Stackable.

Connection to
Food distributors
producers / Retailers
of Grocers

→ Generate partners, lips & leverage strengths in the Food Family

Needs for
cold &
dry storage
for farmers
market.
(seasonal)
Need a
permanent
home for
the Market.
Building
cost - Busi-
ness problem

* Networks

Supply chain connections

Food Bank transforming
- Processing - Coffer & Freezer
- Distribute Space
Collective impact & centralized services
Rental facilities - Fresh fruits

BUSINESS SIDE
OF FOOD
PRODUCTION (URBAN
FARM
etc)

INDOOR
FARMS
OPPORTUNITY
(Saturated)

Emergency
Space under
Construction
(Petersen et al)

Good Trucks!
Opportunity
(looking for
spots to go
to).

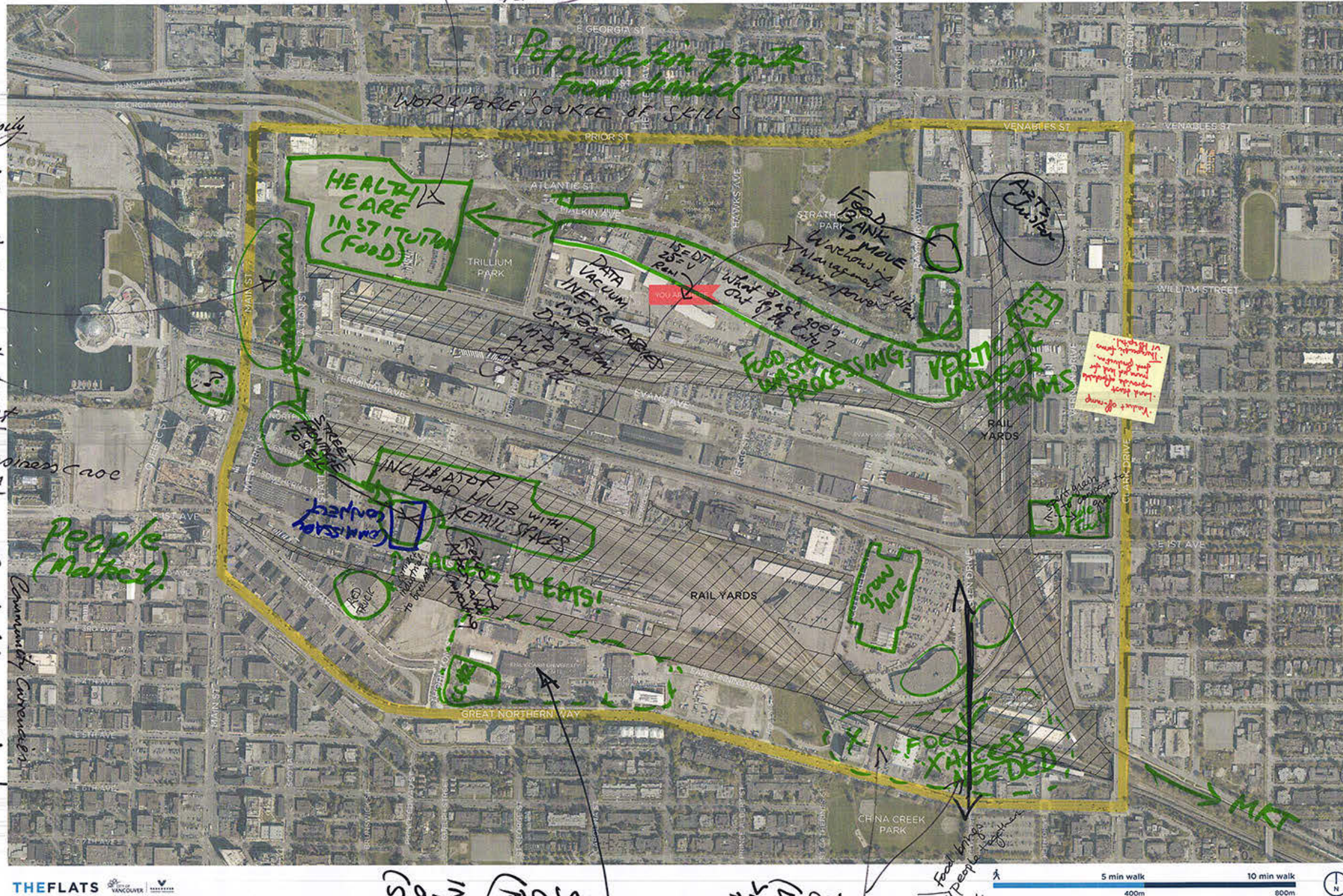
centralized services for underserved populations

MONTHLY
FLATS FEAST/
(leverage camps)

Connect Services

business
opps →
connecting
Food "haves"
+ food
"needs"

networks
& connectivity



ACCESS to FOOD + AMENITY



0 PRESET
PROGRAM
→ FOR
FIRMS
of practice

the least resistance from barriers.

5 min walk

temp. /
under used
space