Turf Inventory Criteria - Site Evaluation

The table below contains a summary of high-level criteria applied to complete the initial desktop scan of the City-owned and maintained turf inventory, to identify potential urban farm and garden sites with the lowest barriers to entry. Other criteria were developed to identify additional potential sites that may be more complex or difficult to utilize. Potential sites must still be assessed for suitability and viability at the project level and must be approved by the City.

Table 1: Summary of Criteria Applied for Urban Farms & Urban Gardens using Turf Inventory

	Urban Farm Potential Sites	Urban Garden Potential Sites
Initial high-level selection criteria for potential sites	 Site is City-owned and maintained turf Must be >= 2 acres of continuous area Shortest side must be minimum 10m Parcels zoned for agriculture (AG), urban reserve zone (AGU), urban service zones use were included (permitted uses in the Zoning Bylaw) Must not be Stormwater Management Facilities (SWMF) Must not include sites in the process of being sold 	 Site is City-owned and maintained turf Must be >= 0.1 acres (420m²) of continuous area Shortest side must be minimum 10m Associated/presence of a community league Must not be Stormwater Management Facilities (SWMF) Must not include sites in the process of being sold
Exclusions applied after initial selection	 Lie within the River Valley Protection Overlay Fall onto a sports field (other bookable open space was permitted) Fall into industrial or residential zoned areas (zoning codes IB, IL, IM, IH, RA*, RF*¹) Fall within a park classified as School & Community Park Fall onto land with >=30% slope Fall within 5m of a pipeline, fence or tree trunk 	
Number of Sites	47	739
Total Area	85.14 ha (210.4 acres)	207.9 ha (513.8 acres)