

Dear Farmers,

Are you looking for a piece of land to farm?

The Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society is looking for two farmers who would like to help us create a model of a prosperous small-scale organic farm. The farmers will each farm their respective areas using organic farming practices. While the Society will provide much support, the farmers will have an opportunity to build their own economically viable farming businesses. Together we will work towards building strong connections to the community we feed and proving that small-scale farms are important!

When?

We would like you to start getting involved as soon as possible, however, we only expect full time commitment starting from spring 2007.

The Land

Haliburton is a publicly owned farm within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The farm is 4.09 ha (approximately 9.3 acres), and is located on the south side of Haliburton Road (741 Haliburton Road) in Cordova Bay, which is a neighbourhood in Saanich, BC. The Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society (HCOFS) was established to develop plans for and manage the farm. The Society leases the farm from the District of Saanich.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Supportive farming community
- Fenced, tilled farm site of approximately 1 acre
- Organic certified
- Lease period of 4 years with the possibility of renewal
- Access to shared farm facilities in the future (tool library, harvest/packing station, greenhouse...)
- Access to established markets
- Mentoring by the farm manager
- Access to workshops at a discounted price
- Irrigation line right up to your farm site

WHAT WE EXPECT:

- Annual membership fee of \$250
- Commitment to work full time at the farm starting with spring season 2007
- Use the designated area to its full capacity
- Regular volunteer work for the Society
- Participation in brown box program and responsibility for the farm stand
- Assist with Haliburton workshops, farm tours and demonstrations
- Respect the authority of the farm manager hired by the Society
- Ability to run a viable small scale business
- Understanding and commitment to following organic certification guidelines
- Commitment to building a relationship with the local community
- Willingness to work co-operatively with the Society
- All season participation (growing winter crops)

You can find more about the Haliburton Community Organic Farm on our website <http://www.haliburtonfarm.org>.

If you are interested please complete the attached application and send it to Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society, 768 Westbury Road, Victoria, BC, V8Y 1G7 or email the document as an attachment to info@haliburtonfarm.org.

2007 Farming Application

Name:			
Phone number:		Email:	
Address:			

- 1) **Please describe your farming experience in detail (WWOOF-ing, apprenticeships, paid farm work, relevant education etc.).**

- 2) **Why do you think that using organic farming practices is important?**

- 3) **Are you familiar with IOPA and COABC's certified organic guidelines?**

- 4) **Please describe your views on and any experience that you have with CSA.**

- 5) **Do you have any commitments outside the farm (i.e. a job)?**

- 6) **How many days in a week do you plan to commit to farming your plot?**

- 7) **How many years do you plan to farm at the Haliburton Farm?**

- 8) **How much start up money do you have available to put into the farming business?**

- 9) **Are you involved in any community work?**

- 10) **Have you read the concept plan of the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society (available online)? How do you see yourself contributing to the Society's success?**

- 11) **Why do you think it is important to prove that small-scale organic farming is economically viable?**

- 12) **How would you describe your farming style?**

- 13) **Why do you want to farm at the Haliburton Farm?**

- 14) **Is there anything else you would like to tell us?**

- 15) **Please provide two references (name, phone number and/or email and their relationship to you).**

- 16) **Please attach your farm business plan. (This should include your marketing plan, start up cost and projected cash flow).**

- 17) **Please attach your resume if you have one.**