REGIONAL DISTRICT NORTH OKANAGAN

sncəcmałqtn Agricultural Park
2026 Progress Updates

Volunteers from the newly formed 'Friends of S.A.P' will be assisting on most of the projects.

Projects:

1. A new cedar-shake roof was installed on the Historic Barn in May.




2. Perching Poles, Bat Boxes & Kestrel Nesting Boxes were installed in late March.





3. A new shed was constructed at the Sisters Garden and installed in late March.





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4. The community garden was expanded in April, increasing from 32 to 44 plots.





5. Volunteers added surfacing gravel to the pathways surrounding the third garden in the Food Forest in preparation for the construction and planting of that garden. Volunteers have been working through the season to complete the garden, which is expected to occur by the end of this season.







6. Drip irrigation for the Sisters' Garden was installed in April by volunteers, significantly reducing the need for hand watering.

7. A parks Canada style pit toilet was installed adjacent to the Community Garden parking lot.



8. Students from Seaton High School Rotary planted 20 new trees below the historic barn.



9. The Friends of the SAP and Permaculture Collective began preparing and planting the 2026 expanded version of the Sisters Garden. At the same time, the 2026 edition of the pumpkin patch and sunflower border garden was prepared and planted.







10. Late May and early June saw the first harvest of silage and hay on the main farm.




11. June and July saw construction of the outdoor gazebo style gathering place.





12. In late June, deciduous decorative trees, supplied by Purple Springs Nursery in Spallumcheen, were planted by volunteers next to the Community Garden parking lot and along the eastern fenceline of the SAP. Also, the hedgerow was extended along the length of the farm road, significantly increasing the planted area.




13. In late May and early June a new area next to the Community Garden was planted with a sunflower border and wildflower meadow. Drip irrigation was installed for this area as well.





14. Walkers, cyclists, and horse riders were welcomed to the SAP starting in April by utilizing the farm road leading to the middle of the farm and carrying on to the northwest corner of the park, where it connected to the BX Ranch Trail. A mixture of wildlife also frequent the property, including owls, hawks, blue herons, coyotes, deer, and weasels.





15. The park's new Outdoor Classroom and Gathering Place is now complete, creating a welcoming space for learning and community connections. Centrally located between the Hog Gulch Restoration Project, the Food Forest, and the park's historic barn, the new structure provides a unique gathering space that connects visitors with the site's agricultural, ecological, and cultural features.





16. Supported by funding through the Okanagan Basin Water Board, the second phase of restoring the 160-meter section of Hog's Gulch on the SAP was completed in October 2026.







Updates on project progress will be added to the RDNO website throughout the 2026