

# NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation Webinars

## PRESENTERS



**Heidi Smith**  
Board Secretary  
Bounty for Families



**Nora White**  
Education and  
Outreach Specialist  
Thurston Conservation District

## Growing Community: Flexibility, Adaptability and Collaboration During COVID-19

**REGISTRATION IS FREE!**

**WHAT:** The Thurston CD and Bounty for Families in Washington State will discuss their collaborative efforts in providing outreach and support to their community during COVID-19 (coronavirus).

**WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern



National Association of  
Conservation Districts



Learn more and register at [nacdnet.org/webinars](https://nacdnet.org/webinars)

# *Meet Your Presenters*



**Nora White**

**Thurston Conservation District,**  
Education & Outreach Specialist

**Hercules Farm**

**Graduate Research** in food studies and  
community resiliency

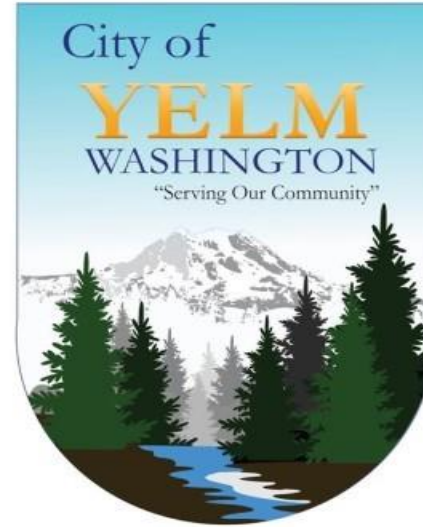




# *Homegrown Yelm Project*



Nisqually Indian Tribe



# *Online Education Adaptations*

- Closed captioning
- Spanish language translation
- Activities
- Videos
- Workshop Series
- Resource folders
- Recording & Slideshows





# Closed Captions & Translation



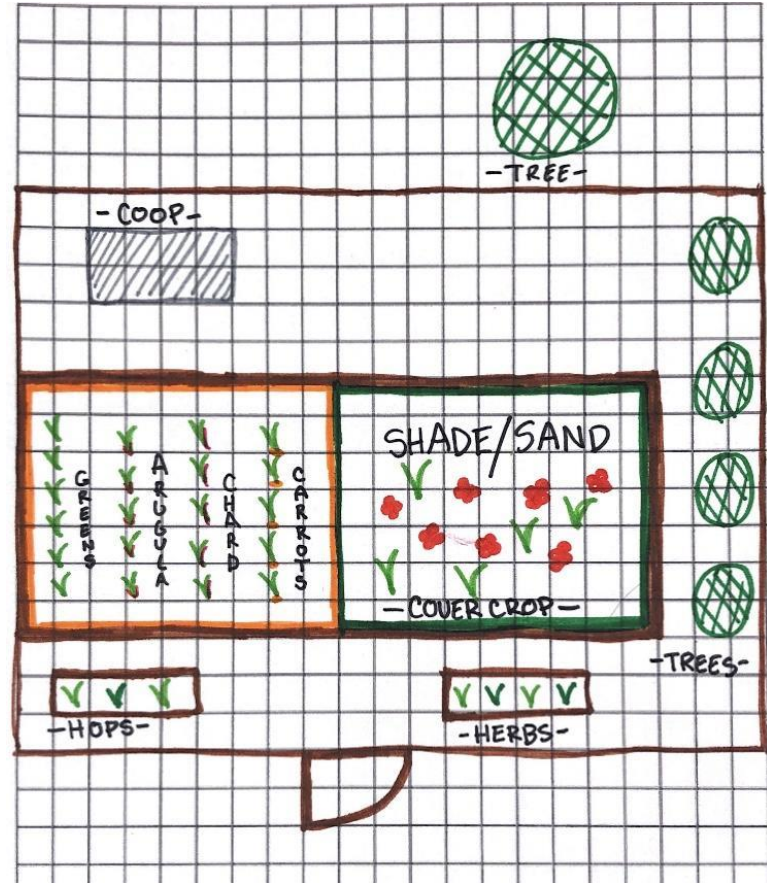
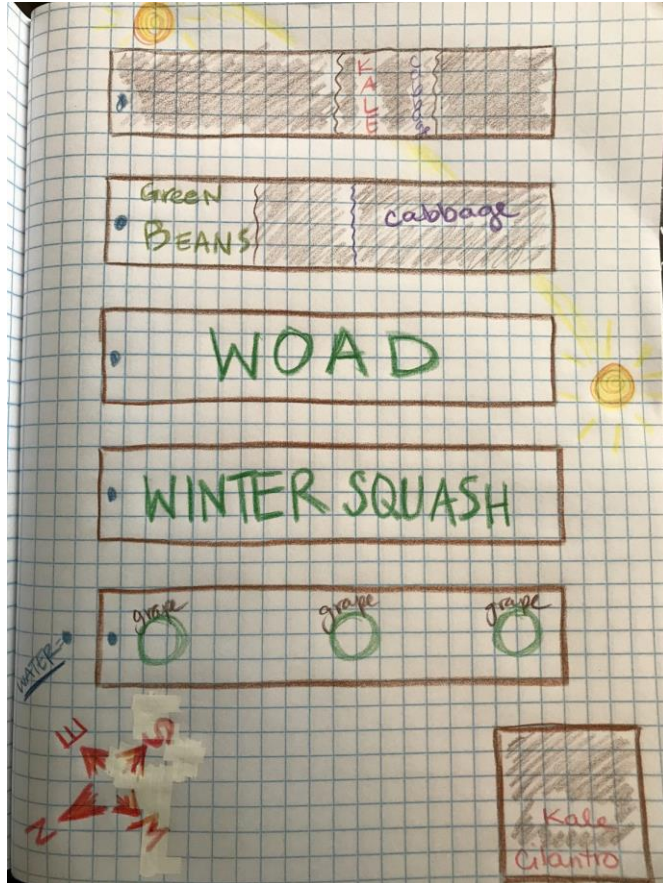
## DEALING WITH MUD, MANURE, AND COMPOST IN YOUR URBAN GARDEN

*Welcome! Please mute your microphone when you've joined the call.  
We'll get started at 5:30pm.*

Se publicará una traducción al español del título de cada diapositiva en los comentarios.

Thank you for joining us we will get started shortly

# Using Activities



# *Videos*





# *Topic Series*



Affordable Home  
Gardening



Urban Mud, Manure, &  
Compost



Planning a PNW Winter  
Garden

## Resource Folders

My Drive > Homegrown Yelm > Affordable Home Gardening ▾ 👤



## Soil Testing & Equipment ...



## DIY Vertical Garden Photos



## Container Gardening



## Composting



## Understanding Your Soil ...



## Raised Bed Gardening



## Pest Control



General Gardening Resou...



### Pollinators



### Irrigation

## Files



# Recordings

## Past Event Resources

Access recordings of online presentations and their materials [here](#).

- **Affordable Home Gardening** – Originally presented online 5.7.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#).  
Find all additional handout resources, include presentation slides, [here](#).
- **Dealing with Mud, Manure, & Compost in Your Home Garden** – Originally presented online 6.24.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#).  
Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, [here](#).
- **Getting Started with Pasture Management** – Originally presented online 6.30.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#).  
Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, [here](#).
- **How to Begin Managing your Livestock Manure** – Originally presented online 7.28.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#).  
Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, [here](#).
- **Advanced Pasture Management** – Originally presented online 8.6.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#).  
Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, [here](#).
- **Virtual Farm Showcase** – Originally presented online 8.20.2020  
Find a recording of the presentation [here](#). Please note, there are five times where participants watched YouTube videos on their own computers. All corresponding farm showcase videos can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).  
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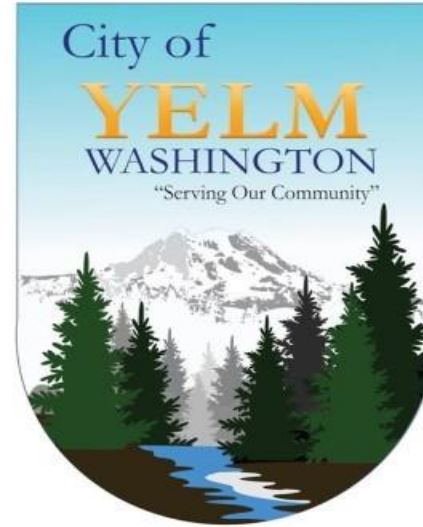
[www.thurstoncd.com/education/workshops-tours/](http://www.thurstoncd.com/education/workshops-tours/)



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# *Meet Your Presenter*

**Heidi Smith**

**Board Secretary**, Bounty for Families

**Owner**, Sunheart Writing



# *Bounty for Families*

## Overview

- Activity
- Welcome to Yelm
- Bounty for Families Mission and Programs
- What We've Learned





# *What's Going on Here?*

Based on visual cues and what you know so far, what do you think is happening in this photo?

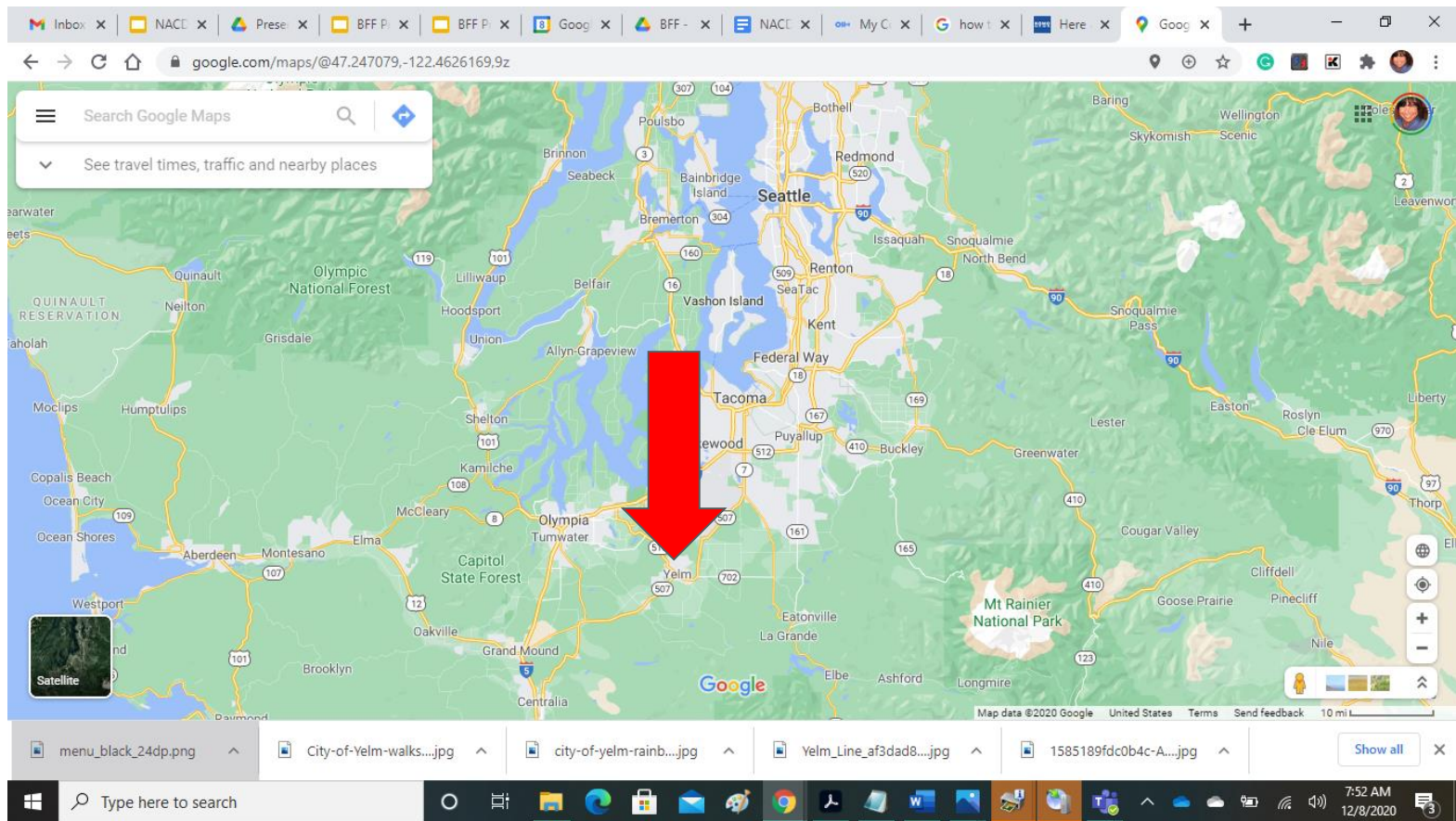


*Welcome to Yelm*





# *You are here*





# *Growing and Changing*

## **“Here are the fastest growing cities in Washington”**

Yelm ranks ninth on the list for the cities across Washington that have grown the fastest since 2010. The city has a growth rate of 41.8% and a population of 8,772, according to the most recent Census data.

**- Becca Savransky, Seattle Post Intelligencer, Saturday, February 15th**

**2020**



# *Rural Character*



# Household Income

Households by Income (2014-2018)\*





# *Main Industries*

## **Jobs (2017 Estimate)**

Resource, Construction, Utilities	390
Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade	80
Retail, Accommodation, Food	1,390
Transportation, Warehousing	60
Services	1,480
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	380
Government	880

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<b>Total Jobs**</b>	<b>4,650</b>
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*\*\*Numbers may not add due to rounding.*

# *National Champion FFA Club*

In 2016 Yelm High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club took home the national 'Model of Excellence' award.



# *What Yelm is Not*



**Seattle ...**



**Portland ...**



# *What Yelm is Not II*



... or Olympia,  
Washington's  
capital city.

# *Bounty for Families*

## **Mission**

Cultivating a Healthy Community by:

- Supporting Local Farmers
- Providing Access to Healthy Food
- Strengthening the Local Economy



# ***Our Programs***



**Yelm Farmers Market**

**Power of Produce**

**Gift of Gobble**

**USDA Food Boxes for  
Families**

**Yelm Community Gardens**



# *Yelm Farmers Market*



- Completing 9th season in December
- Growing every year
- Located at Yelm Community Center within Yelm City Park, home of community garden
- Attracts vendors from throughout the region

# *Adapting to COVID-19*



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# *Power of Produce Kids Club*



The Power of Produce (POP) Club provides a fun opportunity for children to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers, educational games and demonstrations, and exposure to new fruits and vegetables. In addition to participating in educational activities, POP Club kids receive vouchers to spend at the market, allowing them to make their own shopping decisions at the market.

# *Power of Produce Kids Club*



In many cases, it's the first opportunity they've had to interact directly with the farmer who grew their food.

# *Power of Produce Kids Club*





# *Power of Produce Kids Club*



Within the Yelm School District, 51% of students qualify as low income according to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction report card.

# *Community Partners and PoP*



Local nonprofits and community groups provide free activities for kids in the PoP program in exchange for a no-cost table at the Farmers Market.

# *Community Partners and PoP*

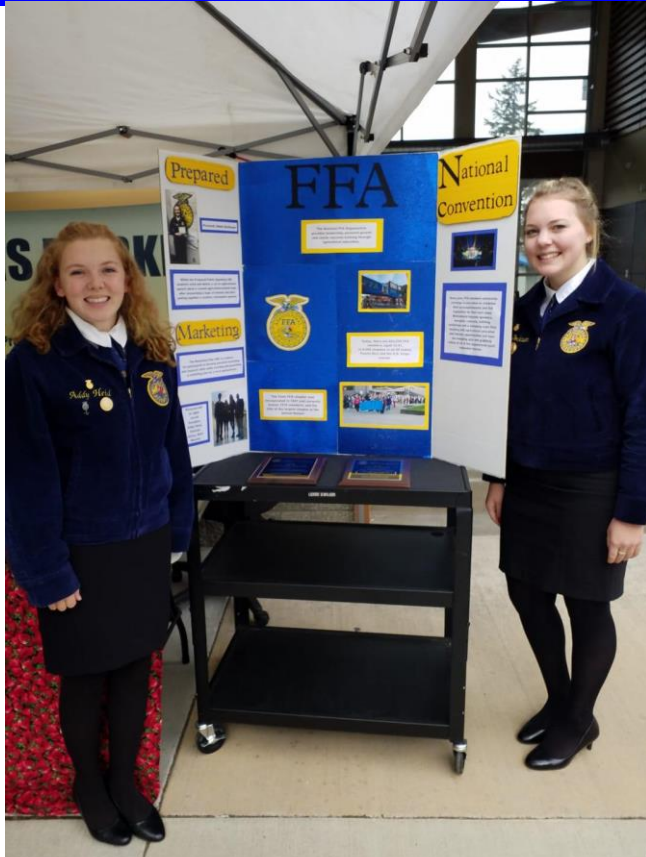


## **These include:**

Habitat for Humanity  
Timberland Regional Library  
GRuB  
Port of Olympia  
South Sound Seed Stewards  
Puget Sound Energy  
Nisqually River Council  
Standing Room Only Theater  
Future Farmers of America (FFA)  
Rotary Club of Yelm



# *Community Partners and PoP*



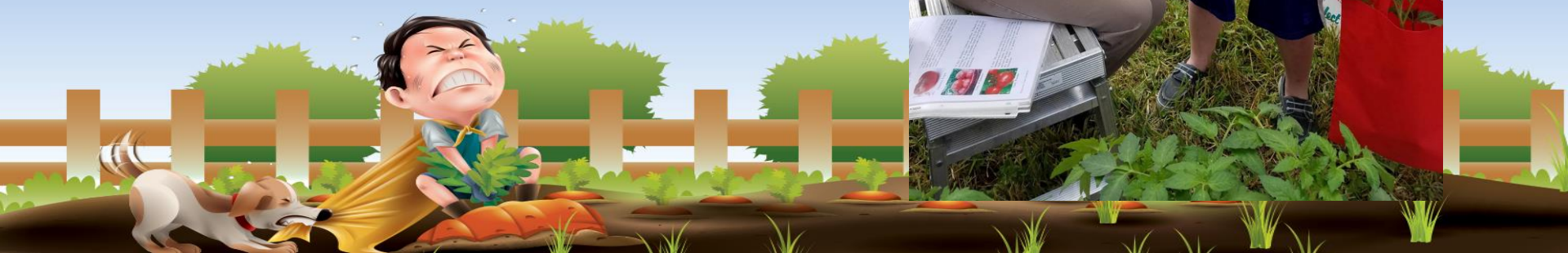
Yelm High School's FFA Club attends multiple Farmers Markets throughout a typical season, hosting engaging activities for kids in the PoP program.

# *What's Going on Here? Answer*

**Power of Produce**

**Introduces . . .**

**The Tomato King!**



# *Yelm Community Gardens Background*





# *Yelm Community Gardens: A New Hope*



# *Yelm Community Garden*

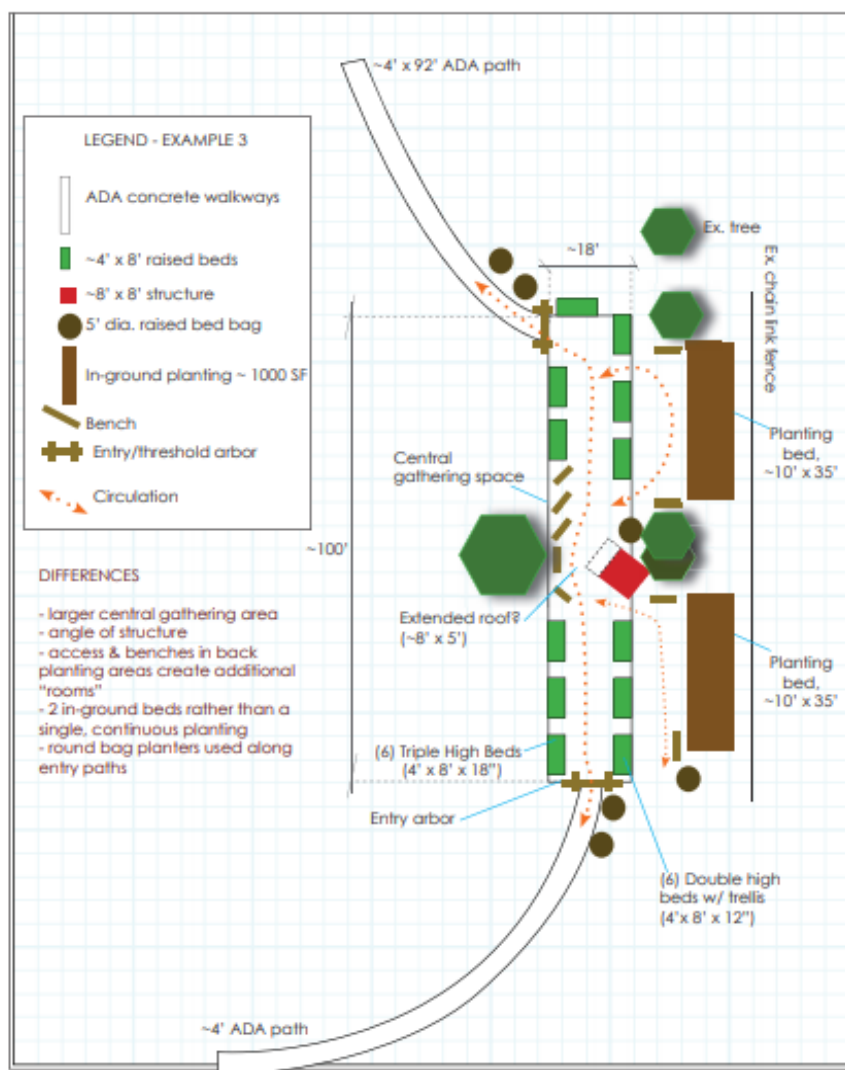




# *Yelm Community Garden*







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# *What We've Learned*

Timing Matters

Understand Your Community's Assets

Collaboration is Key