

## SAVE FARMLAND IN BC

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TAKE ACTION before Langford Council makes  
their decision and voice your opinion on ALR  
exclusions and non-ALR use of ALR land.

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- The Lower Mainland, Southern Vancouver Island, and Okanagan have the majority of high quality soil in BC.

SmartGrowthBC <http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/AboutUs/Issues/AgriculturalLand/tabid/111/Default.aspx>

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We need to save our agricultural lands for the future generations that will need MORE land that produces food.

Arguments are made about poor soil - but farming is all about building up the soil.

Drainage can be an issue in the Happy Valley area of Langford but the City of Langford is embarking on a plan to improve drainage.

The assessments of the properties cite small lot size as a limiting factor, but new techniques being used on small farms here on Vancouver Island (Haliburton Organic Community Farm, Madrona Farm) can be intensively farmed and be more productive per acre than some commercial farming operations. Farm fresh is more nutritious and tastier, food loses taste and nutrition the longer it takes to get to your plate. Local food is healthier - you can see where and how your food was grown. Please help us protect the ALR Land in Langford BC. Thank you.

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