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## City of Renton officially opens North Highlands Community Garden

CVS Pharmacy-funded project will benefit local non-profits

**Renton, WA** – Residents of Renton's North Highlands community celebrated the grand opening of the North Highlands Community Garden at a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 28.

City of Renton Mayor Denis Law and representatives from CVS Pharmacy cut the ribbon to officially open the project.

The project was funded by a \$10,000 grant from CVS Pharmacy and completed by several volunteer groups including employees representing Symetra and The Boeing Company, Eagle Scout Kane Anderson, Sustainable Renton, Seattle Tilth, and students from Renton and Hazen high schools.

The City of Renton will expand the program by partnering with Renton Housing Authority and local non-profits to provide low cost classes on gardening, food preservation and healthy cooking classes.

The Garden consists of 13 galvanized garden plots, which are used by a cross section of local non-profits, a preschool, seniors and families. The plots come in two sizes, 2'x4' and 2'x6'. Gardeners are able to enjoy their own produce which can be flowers, vegetables or fruits.

## About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington with a population of 101,300. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are looking to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. It is the home of Boeing, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found at rentonwa.gov.