

RGS Monitoring Program Update



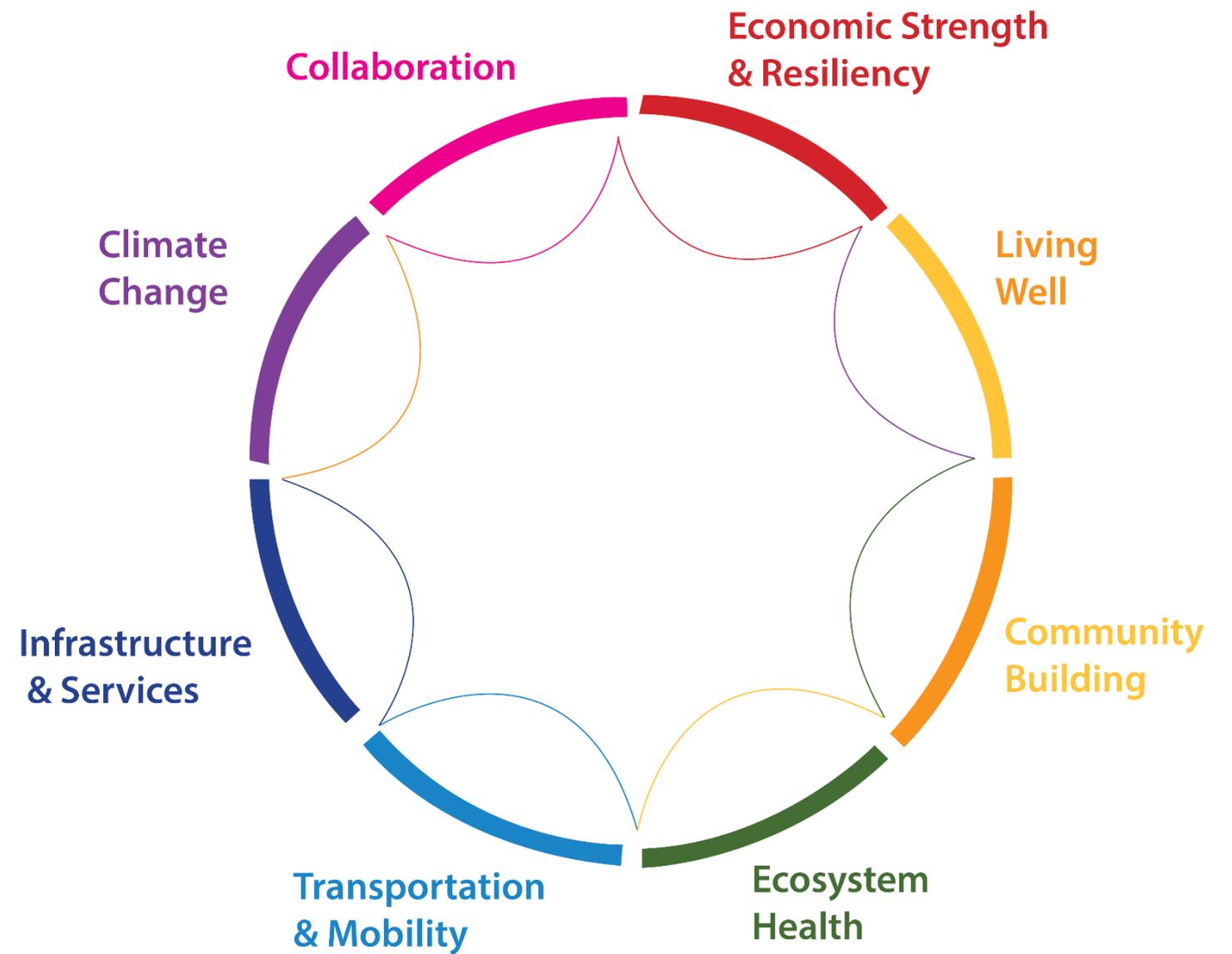
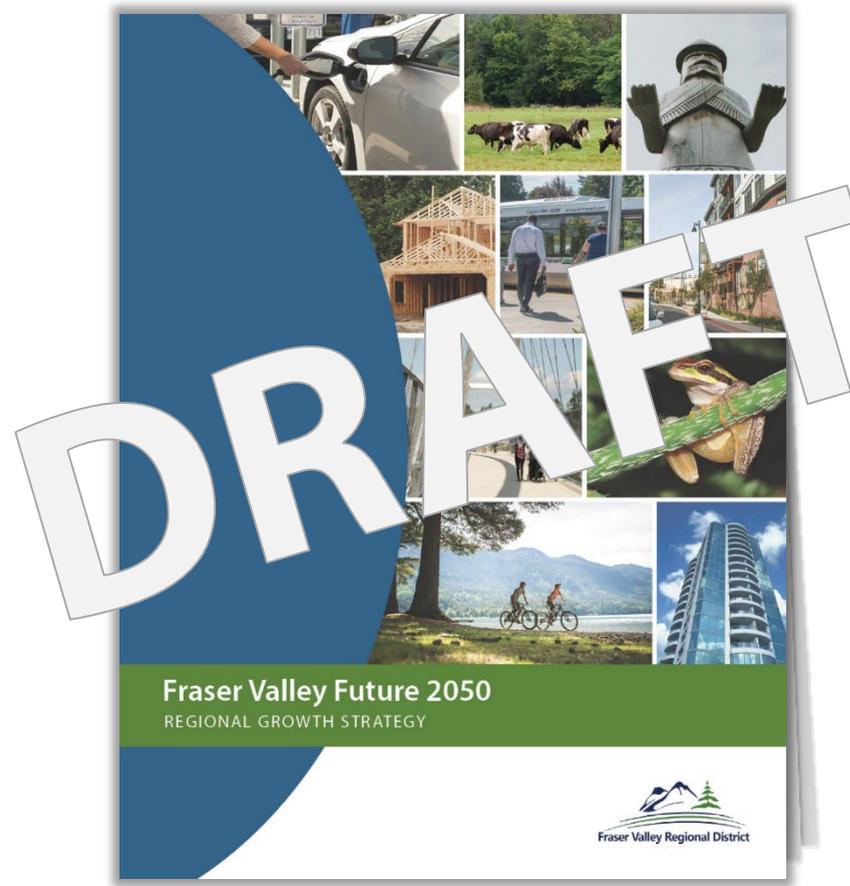
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What is the RGS Monitoring Program?

- Important aspect of RGS implementation
- Requirement as per Local Government Act
- Monitor, evaluate, and report on indicators related to RGS goals, policies and directives.
- Monitoring indicators measure long-term trends in annual data using a variety of sources.

Regional Growth Strategy Goals

Fraser Valley Future 2050



RGS Monitoring Indicator Sources

➤ BC Parks

➤ Translink and BC Transit

➤ Real Estate Boards

➤ ICBC

➤ Statistics Canada

➤ Environmental Reporting BC

➤ BC Stats

➤ Recycle BC

➤ CMHC

➤ Staff Reports

What does a RGS Monitoring Program do?

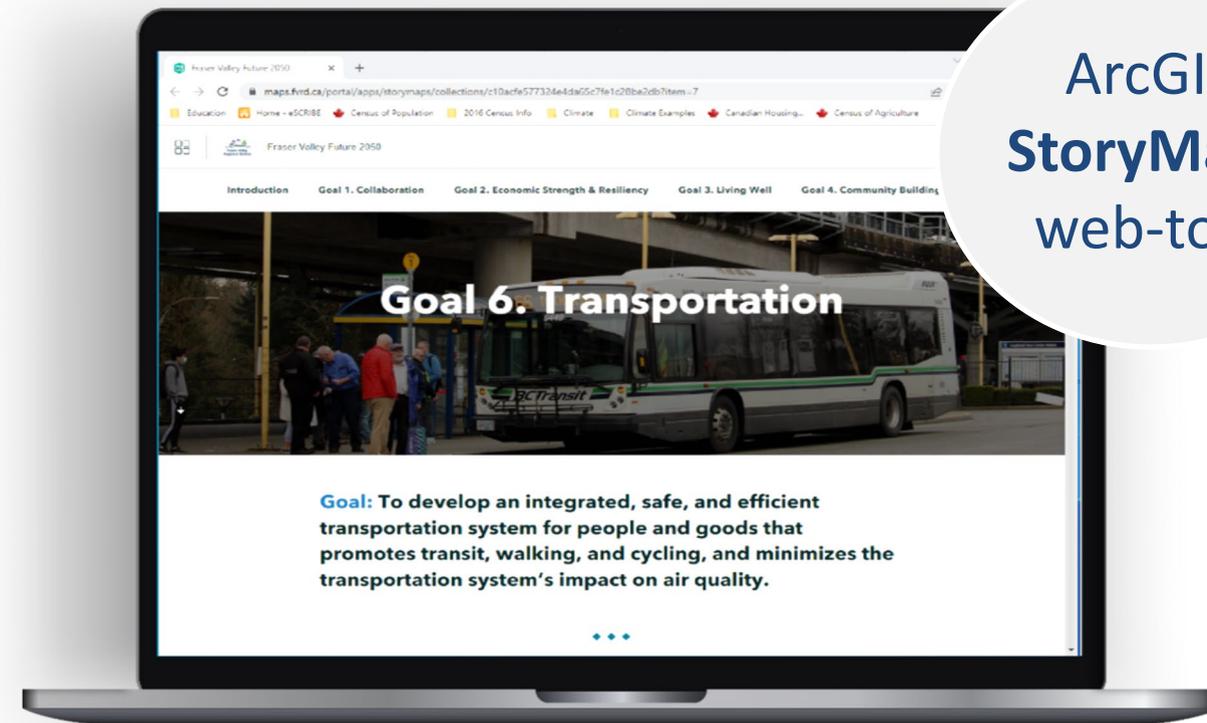
- Supports collective decision-making and collaboration within the region
- Identifies and communicates regional opportunities and challenges
- Supports provincial lobbying efforts and progress on local and regional priorities
- Helps to inform, educate, and build awareness

RGS **Monitoring** Program

1. RGS Monitoring Reports



2. RGS Monitoring Website



1. RGS Monitoring Reports

- Comprehensive and detailed
- Updated every 5 years following release of Stats Can Census data
- Includes evaluations of monitoring indicator objectives

2023 RGS Monitoring Report



Inside the RGS Monitoring Report

Indicator Evaluation



Desired outcome:
Increased total farm operating revenues for the FVRD.

Indicator Objective

INDICATOR: FARM OPERATING REVENUES

Analysis of Regional Trends

Farms in the FVRD consistently generate the most operating revenues compared to all regional districts in the province. In 2020, agriculture in the FVRD generated over \$1.9 billion in operating revenues, which is 40% of all provincial farm operating revenues.

Individual farming revenues range significantly depending on farm size and commodity. However, the FVRD has the highest average revenue per farm in the province. 15% of B.C.'s farms are located in the region and these account for nearly half of the province's top revenue-producing farms.

Together, Abbotsford and Chilliwack produce most of the FVRD's farm operating revenues. In addition, almost \$172 million in annual operating revenues are produced by the 350 farms located in communities outside of Abbotsford and Chilliwack.

What's Being Measured?

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This indicator measures total agriculture operating revenues (previously called gross farm receipts) or farm income, before expenses are deducted. This data comes from the Census of Agriculture produced by Statistics Canada which is released every five years. Data from 2020 comes from the Agriculture Taxation Data Program (ATDP) and reflects revenues reported to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Previously, revenues and expenses for agricultural operations were reported to the Census of Agriculture.

Why is it important to Measure?

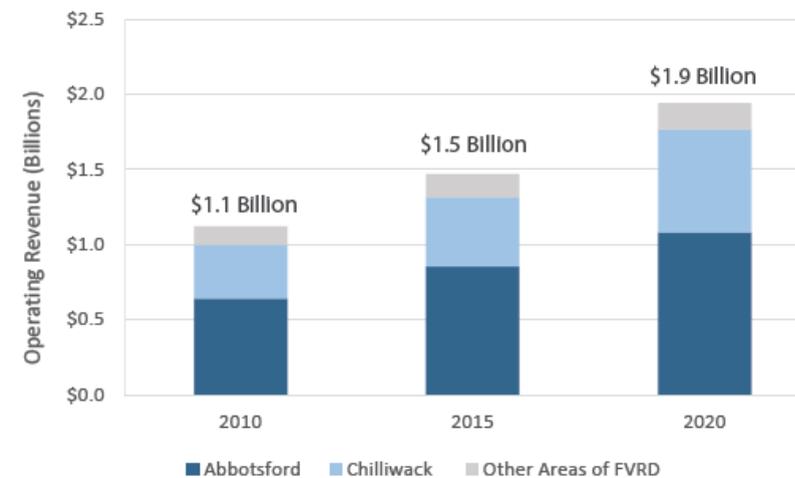
Why measure it?
Farm operating revenue provides an indication of the productivity, economic value, and growth associated with farming in the region. As the backbone of the FVRD's economy, the continued health and sustainability of agriculture is not only vital to local, regional, and provincial economies, but it is also imperative to food security, now and in the future.

Comparison of Farm Totals, Area, and Revenues (2020)

	Total Farm Area (Hectares)	Total # of Farms	Total Operating Revenue	Avg. Farm Revenue/Farm
B.C.	2,285,729 ha	15,841	\$4,795,494,785	\$323,452
MVRD	34,359 ha	2,118	\$1,312,244,930	\$678,163
FVRD	60,350 ha	2,358	\$1,939,199,141	\$872,334
Abbotsford	26,055 ha	1,254	\$1,082,808,853	\$904,602
Chilliwack	24,923 ha	721	\$684,417,543	\$1,012,452
Other Areas in the FVRD	9,336 ha	383	\$171,972,745	\$491,351

Regional Trends & Comparisons

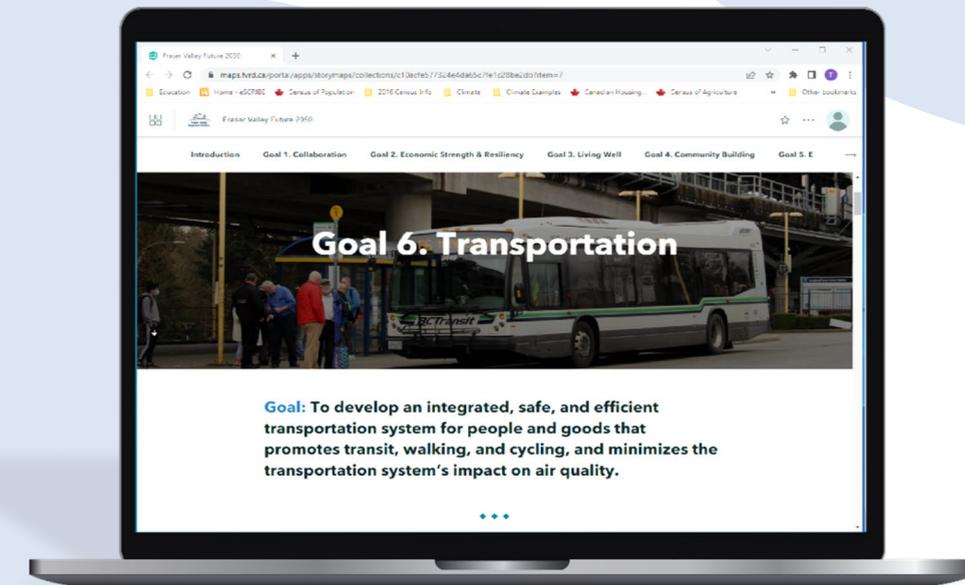
FVRD Farm Operating Revenues (2010-2020)



Source: Statistics Canada 2021 Census of Agriculture.

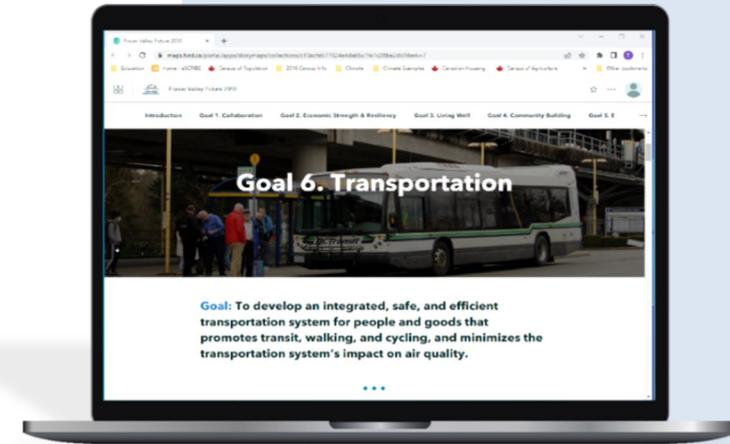
2. RGS Monitoring Website (Story Map)

- Updated annually or as needed
- Provides introduction to both RGS and monitoring program
- Features interactive maps and other dynamic/digital content
- Increased web-traffic helps inform and build awareness



In Conclusion

- More robust, valuable, and accessible monitoring program
- Ability to reach and appeal to a wider audience
- Reflects how information is consumed (digital/interactive)
- More frequent updates increases value and relevance





COLLECTION

RGS Monitoring

Explore the monitoring indicators and interactive maps associated with the goals and policies within the Fraser Valley Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS).

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1 About the Project



2 Collaboration



3 Economic Strength & Resiliency



4 Living Well



5 Community Building



6 Ecosystem Health



7 Transportation



8 Infrastructure & Services



9 Climate Change