

What we have achieved so far



The seed of an idea...

The City Farm Ballymun project began several years ago when a group of local residents came together to develop a proposal to transform an existing, underused green space in to a community garden. That proposal was rejected by the City Council at the time. One reason given was that the use of the land in question would be examined as part of the preparation of the Ballymun Local Area Plan (LAP). Having read the draft Local Area Plan and the Retail Study commissioned as part of the LAP process, we formed the view that the potential existed to create something unique to Ballymun which would contribute to the environmental, social and economic regeneration of the area.



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The Ballymun City Farm project then began in earnest. Much has happened since we first submitted our proposal under the consultation phase of the Ballymun LAP. The highlights are set out below.

Project development by year

2015 2017 2018 2019 2020

YEAR 1

An idea is born

December

Submitted initial proposal to DCC for community garden
([View document](#))

YEAR 2

Lots of meetings & discussions culminating in project approval by DCC - Success

May June July

Proposal submitted under the Local Area Plan consultation phase ([View document](#))

June

- Met with local City Councillors and TDs to outline proposal
- Gave presentation to Ballymun 4 Business Group Wrote to all local schools with a copy of our proposal under the LAP
- Approached Innovate Dublin to develop partnership with a view to securing funding for an independent, objective feasibility study to look at our proposal

July

City Council adopt draft Ballymun LAP with provision for city farm project in Ballymun

August

- Committee wrote to local community and voluntary groups seeking meeting to outline proposal
- Committee met with head of Dublin City Council Parks Department to outline proposal and request independent, objective feasibility study be carried out

August

- submitted proposal for independent, objective feasibility study to DCC Parks Department
- Met with Dublin North West Area Partnership to outline proposal

October

DCC adopts final Ballymun LAP which contains provision for a city farm

It is an objective of the Dublin City Council to review the use of the Z9 lands to the west of Carton Terrace and South of St. Margaret's Rd, to provide for residential development which can include co-operative housing on the western half of the site and to explore the provision of a skate and bike park and/or allotments and a community farm.

An alternative suitable location for these uses may be site No. 14: Balbutcher Lane.

December

Presentation given to Ballymun Civic Alliance at which DCC give approval for the project and the proposed site - Part of site No. 14 in the LAP

YEAR 3

Public Consultations & meetings

April

Public meeting held and presentation given on the project

May

- Ballymun in Bloom - Committee attended the event with a stall and information on the project
- Meeting held with Ballymun School Liaison Network representing all local schools

June

- Committee met with Ballymun Kickhams Committee members
- Attended Setanta Open day with stall and information packs
- Visited Kentish Town City Farm, London and met with CEO and staff of the farm ([.doc](#))

July

- Met with Deputy Chief Executive of DCC to discuss the project
- Drafting of Blueprint and Public Consultation - Dublin City Council provided funding in 2018 for the preparation of a Blueprint for the proposed City Farm in Ballymun.

YEAR 4

Gearing up for

April

**project promotion
within the
community**

The Blueprint for the City Farm Ballymun has been completed and was submitted to Dublin City Council at the beginning of April 2019. The Blueprint makes a number of recommendations in relation to the project, including the most appropriate size and location for the City farm.

Committee Members - behind the scenes in 2019

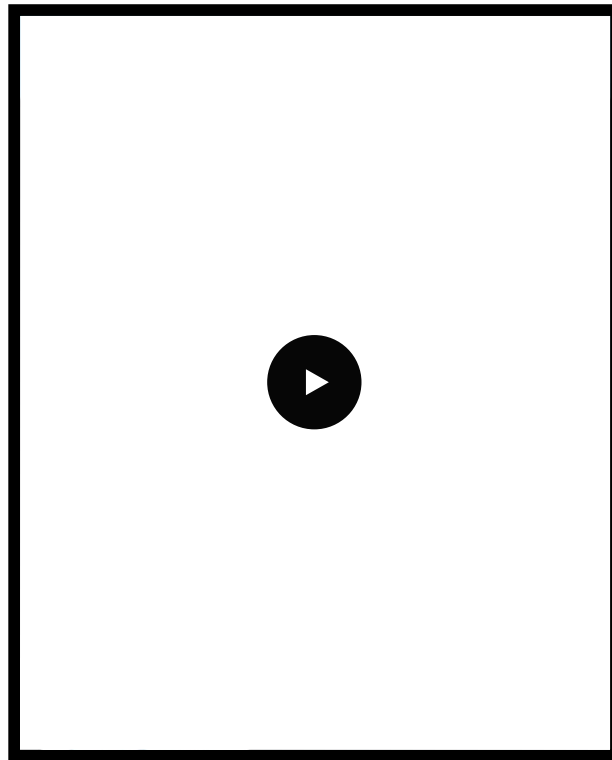
- Ongoing development of the project with key parties
- Logo Development & Branding
- Redevelopment of website previously launched in 2018
- Application for funding to help promote the project within the community and to possible outside stakeholders

YEAR 5

**Keep updated
here on the
project's progress**

January

- Promotional video for the Ballymun City Farm Project launched at the Dublin North West Area Partnership's 'Social Inclusion Seminar'
- An agreement was reached on the location of City Farm with the DCC on February 5th, 2020. Listen below RTE radio 1.



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