



Blueberries

Based on some climate change scenarios, Canadian Forest Service modeling predicts that wild blueberry bushes in Greater Sudbury will be far fewer in the coming decades.

But that won't be for a while yet. In the meantime, blueberries remain important to the local economy and to people's enjoyment of the area. We need to make sure there's plenty of blueberry 'opportunities' for as long as possible. In a few decades, the climate should allow high-bush blueberries to grow. These are taller bushes and have larger berries.

The best blueberry site conditions are provided by the nutrient-poor, acidic sands in the Garson and Falconbridge area. Blueberry fields could be managed in these areas, similar to what is done in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Maine, and Quebec's Lac St. Jean region.

The City, with the help of VETAC, will prepare a blueberry management plan that will identify ways to protect and derive greater community benefit from our wild blueberries.