Bellingham Farmers Market
Established 1892
Fresh • Local • Lively

Home of the Bellingham Farmers Market
A Brief History |

Market from the early 1980’s near current location.
1888 - The Canadian Pacific Railroad Depot on what is now the Depot Market Square Building
A Grand Opening |
## Funding

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Partnership with City of Bellingham:

- Exclusive use of Saturdays (6:30am-4:30pm)
- 10-year lease starting at a significantly reduced rate
- Step increases each year for 10 years
- Usage of the entire parking lot, sheds, pavilion, power, water and garbage
- On-Site storage container (additional lease)
- Ability to add more days of the week (negotiation of rate tbd)
Benefits of Site:

- Great central location
- Ability to accommodate up to 100 vendors (with parking lot)
- Affordable
- Provides Shelter
- Kitchen Space
- On-site Storage
- Accessible for Set-Up and Tear-Down
- Allows for Growth
- Available for Public Use
- On-Site Utilities
- Beautiful
Challenges

- Footprint of pavilion is awkward for booth layout
- Find ways to weatherize site to meet demand for vendors wanting to sell in Winter months protect goods
- Increased staffing needs to maintain clean-up and departure requirements
- Parking
- Renegotiating lease for another 10 years - success vs. actual costs
- Similar organizations interested in space
- Development of waterfront