

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IMPACT REPORT



Thank you! Your support provided residents across Allegheny County with the tools, resources, and knowledge to grow and share fresh healthy food. Your generosity has helped to bring neighbors together around a shared vision of food sovereignty and sustainability.

Because of your support, community members have been able to access tools and materials, grow fresh local food, create healthy soil, and transform blighted properties throughout our region.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- 53 community gardens were supported through our Sustainability Fund
- 44,000 estimated pounds of food grown across all 44 Grow Pittsburgh community gardens
- 450 active Garden Resource Center (GRC) members, including 193 new members
- 10,000 seed packets distributed for free
- 11 residents completed comprehensive Community Composter School training and established 7 community-scale composting sites
- 4 new community gardens completed programming
- 2 graduated gardens received intensive support to continue programming



[Our garden] is a common space, a walk destination, a relaxing place to visit, a constructive use of neglected space, a way to grow healthy food, and a place to learn about gardening from others.

-Community gardener in Observatory Hill



I think the biggest contributions were tangible: funding, know-how, gardening supplies. However, the intangibles in terms of supporting the group and the project....and just knowing there was always someone available that "had your back" was just as important as anything else Grow Pittsburgh provided.

-Community gardener in Verona

This garden provides a place for folks to grow their own healthy, affordable food; includes community share beds that anyone can harvest from; supports pollinators; fosters community and social connections; and transformed a vacant lot into a community asset for all to enjoy.

-Member of the Bellevue Friendship Garden



If it wasn't for Grow Pittsburgh, can you imagine? This garden wouldn't be what it is. I've been a member of the Garden Resource Center (GRC) for many years. It's a great foundation for us all, being able to get the compost and mulch and topsoil. It's wonderful. And if I didn't have that as a resource—and the same is true for so many around the city—I don't think we'd have the urban gardens that we have now. You've been a wonderful resource for all of us—advising, cultivating, and providing all the different resources we need including materials and equipment.

-Gardener and GRC member in the Northside

