

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IMPACT REPORT



Thank you for supporting gardeners across Allegheny County in growing fresh healthy food for themselves, their families, and their neighbors. Your support helped bring more than 40,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to tables across our region this year.

Community gardens are invaluable resources to the neighborhoods that surround them. Your generosity helped to permanently protect urban gardens, enhance public compost systems, and turned unused lots into spaces for community care and connection. Thank you!

2024 BY THE NUMBERS

- **51** community gardens were supported through our Sustainability Fund
- **44,164** estimated pounds of food grown across all **45** Grow Pittsburgh community gardens
- **504** active Garden Resource Center (GRC) members, Including **189** new members
- **6,706** seed packets distributed to **1,000+** community members at free seed swaps
- **9** residents completed comprehensive Community Composter School training and established **8** community-scale composting sites
- **8** gardens received hands-on active programming with our team, including one new garden built in 2024
- **3** gardens permanently protected through our partnership with the Allegheny Land Trust



“There are so many benefits to having this space. Community gardens are fundamental to the health and future of urban areas and the people living there. We need true sustainability of local food supply. We need gardens and farms like this more than ever.”

-Maya, Gardens of Millvale



“I got a lot out of going to so many gardens to see how different neighborhood groups were making compost. Grow Pittsburgh provides so many valuable offerings and different kinds of learning experiences; it’s a real gift. I’ve signed up for several free classes for educators and a medicinal herbs class. These are really valuable offerings.”

- Holly, teacher at St. Edmund’s Academy and Community Composter School participant

“I just love the energy. Hundreds of people in a small space because they love plants and food is pretty awesome.”

-Alison, Phipps Conservatory partner for Seed Swap

“The GRC made my garden possible. I wouldn’t have had anything to put in my beds. I appreciate all the advice I got on how to grow things and troubleshoot. I only ate fresh because of the GRC.”

-Caleb, Garden Resource Center member

