

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IMPACT REPORT



Thank you for helping gardeners across Allegheny County grow fresh, healthy food for themselves, their families, and their neighbors. Your generosity in 2025 helped community gardeners bring more than 168,000 pounds of fresh food to tables in our region this past year.

Community gardens are invaluable resources to the residents who grow food in and live near them. Your contribution helped to permanently protect urban garden space, enhance public compost systems, and transform unused lots into spaces for community care and connection.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

- **63** community gardens were supported through our Sustainability Fund
- **67,294 lbs** estimated pounds of food grown across all 57 community gardens that Grow Pittsburgh has established or preserved
- Over **12,000** seed packets distributed to **1,800+** community members at free seed swaps
- **7** residents completed comprehensive Community Composter School training and established **6** community-scale composting sites
- **6** gardens received hands-on active programming with our team, including four new gardens built in 2025
- **2** gardens had parcels permanently protected through our partnership with the Allegheny Land Trust



“You allowed us to fill all our beds with seedlings [that became] the food we grew throughout the summer! Our hoop house was full and resulted in over 350 pounds of produce!”

Trevor, Gardens of Millvale



“The first year we came [to the Seed Swap], we started our garden, and now it’s almost an acre. When I was poor, I planted seeds. When I had more, I planted trees. Now we have a massive garden and share with all.”

- Didi,
Seed Swap participant



“This course was so helpful in both the low and high views of composting. We learned a lot about the scientific parts of it, but also the very usable and common sense approaches to compost management. Both were very helpful.”

-Jana,
Community Compost
School participant

