

PROGRAMS

SCHOOL GARDENS:

Since 2007, Grow Pittsburgh has integrated garden and cooking activities into the regular classroom curriculum to support the development and education of the whole child. We aim to teach students to grow, cook and eat fresh food while celebrating the cultures and experiences of our students and our city. Grow Pittsburgh and The Kitchen Community have recently partnered to develop a Learning Garden Program to support more school gardens in our region. In this program, we work with school staff and community for two years to assist in planning and building sustainable school garden programs. We are regularly accepting new schools into the Learning Garden Program.

URBAN FARMERS IN TRAINING

Grow Pittsburgh employs high school youth from the Braddock Youth Project and Homewood Children's Village to work on our production sites and farm stands for six weeks each summer. Students are intimately involved in the workings of the farm from seeding to harvest. In addition to agricultural skills, students learn about leadership, teamwork and how their actions affect the larger food system.

URBAN FARM APPRENTICESHIP:

Through this program we hire and train young adults from Braddock and Homewood and prepare them for future work in food and farming through hands-on experiences. Apprentices work on Grow Pittsburgh production sites throughout the growing season and engage in educational workshops and field trips to expand their learning. Throughout the program they will be introduced to agriculture, the restaurant industry, food-related entrepreneurship and social justice organizations.

COMMUNITY GARDENS:

Allegheny Grows & City Growers, our community gardening programs, provide low-to-moderate income communities throughout Allegheny County with two years of material, technical, organizational and educational support. During the program, Grow Pittsburgh staff supports gardeners with the tools and resources they need to create self-sustaining organizations that bring beauty and community togetherness to their neighborhoods. Through the *Community Garden Sustainability Fund*, we act as a grantmaker for existing community food gardens, providing groups that otherwise would have difficulty accessing funding with needed materials such as fencing, raised beds, compost, signage and rain barrels, as well as technical assistance services like soil testing.

GARDEN RESOURCE CENTER:

In 2013 Grow Pittsburgh opened the Garden Resource Center to make it easier for urban gardeners to access the tools and supplies they need to grow beautiful and productive gardens. The tool lending library is stocked with hard-to-find and costly items, and the Garden Resource Center also provides a way to access backyard-scale quantities of materials such as compost, cover crop seed and organic soil amendments.

GENERAL EDUCATION:

Grow Pittsburgh offers a series of classes and workshops throughout the year that are varied in focus and skill level, ensuring we can meet the many needs of the vegetable growing community of Pittsburgh. In an effort to make connections and build interest in local projects, our workshops are held at gardens and urban farms throughout the region and taught by a diverse group of experts.

POLICY & ADVOCACY:

By working with various local, state and federal government and community partners, Grow Pittsburgh is removing barriers to growing food in our city and region. Recent policy victories include passage of one of the most progressive Urban Agriculture Zoning Codes in the country here in Pittsburgh, as well as a city law that allows the sale of produce from city-owned land. Due to our advocacy at the state level, the Department of Agriculture has relaxed regulations so that seed libraries can now legally facilitate the free exchange of seeds.

FARM SITES

BRADDOCK FARMS:

Our largest farm site is located in the borough of Braddock, just outside of Pittsburgh. The one acre farm offers the only fresh produce in the community through a seasonal, weekly farm stand. Braddock Farms also sells directly to restaurants as a member of Penn's Corner Farm Alliance. The farm hosts our apprentice and youth programs and offers workshops, regular volunteer days and tours.

THE FRICK GREENHOUSE:

Grow Pittsburgh manages the historic glass greenhouse and kitchen garden at the Frick Art & Historical Center in the neighborhood of North Point Breeze. The kitchen garden demonstrates raised and in-ground beds. We grow thousands of vegetable seedlings annually in the greenhouse to supply our programs and to sell to the public. The greenhouse and garden are free and open to the public during the Frick's open hours.

SHILOH FARM:

This farm site near the Frick estate is a standard city lot converted into a small farm. The fresh produce grown on site is sold through a seasonal, weekly farm stand. Shiloh hosts our apprentices as well as workshops, tour groups and volunteers, and demonstrates the food-growing potential of a vacant lot. The farms also serves as a community friendly space where neighbors can convene on a gardenview bench and learn about a large solar array.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership supports all of Grow Pittsburgh's programs and values, which include striving to give everyone in our region access to locally grown produce. Membership also provides benefits to keep you engaged in our mission including free admission to our educational workshop series and a discounted registration to the Garden Resource Center.

Choose your membership level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 can provide a soil test for a community garden | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 can provide an education field trip for our Urban Farm Apprentices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 can provide a Garden Primer workshop for a home gardener | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 can provide a drip irrigation system for a farm site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 can provide organic seedlings for a school garden | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 can provide a community garden with a Sustainability Fund Grant |

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MEMBERSHIP
BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Free admission to workshops. Check the website for the most current offerings.
- Discounts to ticketed events.
- Discounted Grow Pittsburgh t-shirt.
- Reduced registration to the Garden Resource Center, Grow Pittsburgh's tool lending library and garden supply depot.
- Support of Grow Pittsburgh's programs and mission of *teaching people how to grow food and promote the benefits gardens bring to our neighborhoods*. Grow Pittsburgh strives for a just urban food system that is accessible to all and keeps this vision at the forefront of its programming.



For more information about how your membership supports our work or questions about benefits, contact Christina Bard at christina@growpittsburgh.org.

Visit our website to find information on volunteering, farm tours, workshop and class offerings and events.

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OUR MISSION



OUR VISION

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VALUES

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:
prioritizing neighborhood voices to guide programs

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:
using, teaching and advocating for restorative practices

EQUITY:
working alongside communities to build access and power for all

FISCAL INTEGRITY:
making responsible and effective use of available assets

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY:
supporting everyone's right to access, produce and distribute healthy and culturally appropriate food

RESOURCEFULNESS:
creating hands-on opportunities to build individual and community self-sufficiency

SOCIAL JUSTICE:
understanding systems of privilege, oppression and racism, and using this knowledge to drive our work

TRANSPARENCY:
being accountable by using clear, direct and inclusive communication



For information on volunteering, farm tours, workshops, and events, visit www.growpittsburgh.org or call 412-362-4769.

