



Life of a Community Garden

A community garden is a unique space where neighbors and residents can come together to build and grow food. It is an inclusive space that reflects the personality and tells the stories of the gardeners and the neighbors that surround it. As the garden begins to grow, so does the community.

YEAR 1-2:

ESTABLISHING THE GARDEN

- 10 Members
- 8 Raised Beds (4' x 12')
- Wood Chip Paths
- Garden Sign
- Benches
- Soil, Compost, Leafmold
- Tools
- Trellises
- Water Source



YEAR 3-5:

GROWING THE GARDEN

- Perimeter Fencing
- Arbor
- Composting Bins
- Perennial Gardens
- Rain Barrels
- Picnic Tables
- Tool Shed (4' x 8')
- Additional Garden Beds

YEAR 5-10:

ROOTING INTO THE COMMUNITY

- Formal Community Gathering Space
- Educational Signs
- Honey Bee Hives
- Orchard
- Coldframes & Low Tunnels
- Green House
- Chicken Coop & Run
- Espalier Fruit Shrubs
- Rain Garden



Gateway Greening Programs



Gateway Greening Community Projects address healthy living, active lifestyles, food access, and the reduction of land waste. These projects work with community groups, organizations, and schools to provide the infrastructure for community and school gardens on private property and vacant lots. These gardens deliver healthy renewable resources for community members, increase physical activity, reduce crime, increase property values, and create strong community efficacy.

Gateway Greening School Programs activate youth gardens as learning environments that support health, well-being, and academic success for school communities, including students, staff, families, and community members. We accomplish this through a diversity of garden-based education services, including a Seed to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curriculum that creates positive hands-on learning experiences. School Programs also provide ongoing support for new and expanding projects through the facilitation of comprehensive garden planning and provision of professional development training, garden technical support, and basic garden materials. These programs provide opportunities for youth to connect academic knowledge with character building, community

engagement, and care for the natural world. Our goal is to activate school gardens as learning environments that support health and academic success for school communities. We will accomplish this through the provision of intensive STEM-focused garden education in local schools, basic garden supplies, and ongoing technical assistance for teachers and families.

Gateway Greening Community Education provides St. Louis City and St. Louis County residents the opportunity to attend free or low-cost workshops focused on urban agriculture.

Gateway Greening Land Trust is a separate 501c3 whose mission is to preserve community gardens, school gardens, and agriculture projects as community assets in St. Louis. With the Gateway Greening Land Trust, community gardens that have become neighborhood assets can be preserved for the future. Community gardens that become part of the land trust are able to invest more in infrastructure within their garden, knowing the property's ownership is secure.

The Land Trust currently holds sixteen community projects.

4,000

Volunteers
Providing

20,000

Hours Per Year

60
More
Than

School Gardens
Empowering

13,000

Students

220⁺

Supported
Gardens

2nd

Largest Network
of Community
Gardens in the U.S.



Raising Gardens, Raising Communities.

Our mission is to bring St. Louis communities together through a shared common bond that gardening and urban agriculture delivers.

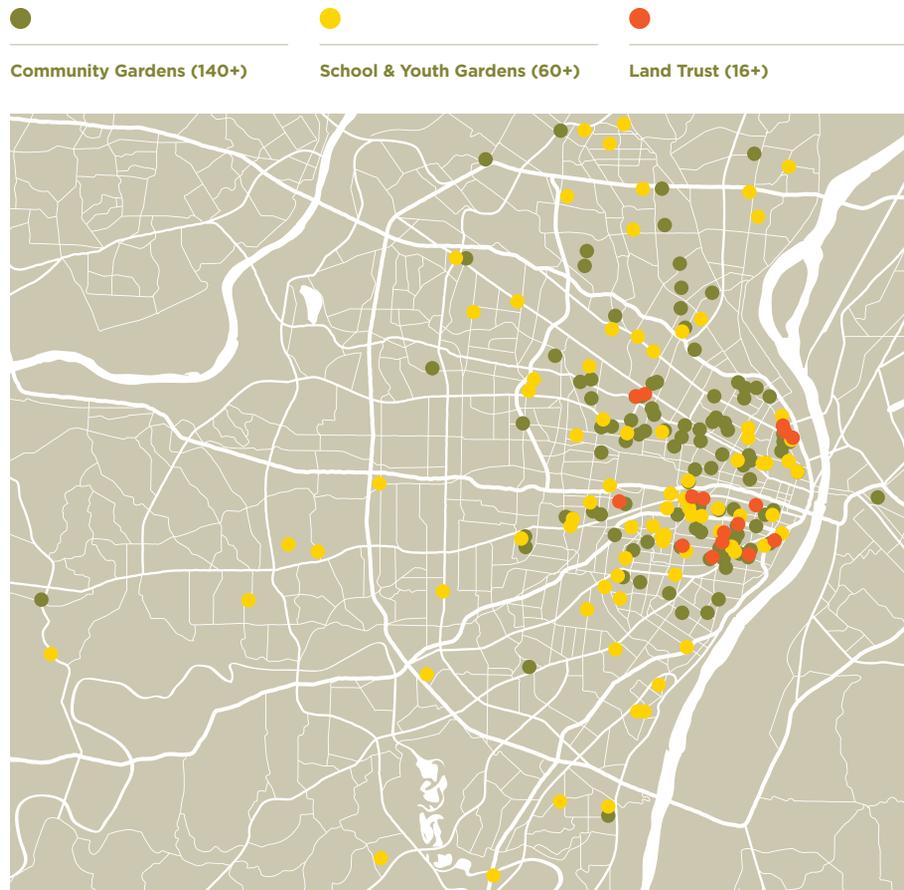
We planted the seed over 30 years ago and have grown to over 200 supported gardens. From school students to local residents, we're helping everyone connect to the land, to their food, and to each other by raising gardens that raise communities.



Our Vision:

People connected to the land, to their food, and to each other in deeply rooted resilient urban communities.

MAP OF GATEWAY GREENING NETWORK PROJECTS



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