



Harvest Pierce County

Our work

Harvest Pierce County was born from an inter-agency community initiative in 2010 to promote community gardens. Our work is at the intersection of healthy food, healthy community, and a healthy environment – and our role is engaging our community in the work of building a just and healthy food system.



HARVEST PIERCE COUNTY PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY GARDENING

Supporting community members to collaboratively steward open spaces in their neighborhoods for purposes of food access, community engagement, and environmental conservation



GLEANING

Harvesting an average of 50,000-60,000 pounds annually from backyard fruit trees and local farms, the program has donated over 600,000 pounds of organic produce since 2010.



FARM FOUNDATIONS

We are working to train the next generation of farmers through an accessible farm training program and a soon-to-be-launched (Feb 2022) Farm Incubator program.

84

Community Gardens across Pierce County today - representing 51 different property owners

147,880

People that live within a 1/2 mile of a community garden - 17 percent of county residents

200,000+

Pounds of food that have been donated to the emergency food system through our Share the Harvest Program (initiated in 2012)

PARTNERSHIPS

Program is made possible through a local government partnership, public and private grant sources, and private sponsorships.

FACILITATION

We facilitate the development of new sites, by providing an intersection between community and public/private landowners, and by helping community members clarify their vision

COORDINATION

Resources are made available to community groups through our partners and we act as a hub to coordinate access





WASTE TO RESOURCES

**Not just feel-good social
benefits...**

**tangible environmental
benefits through recycling
of organic residuals**



'WASTE' STREAMS WE



TAGRO (Tacoma biosolids)

CASCADE COMPOST

WOODCHIPS

CARDBOARD

LAND

FOOD

MORE???



ORGANICS RECYCLING - 2020 CUBIC YARDS (123 unique deliveries)

1003

YARDS OF TAGRO

616

YARDS OF COMPOST

484

YARDS OF WOODCHIPS



ECONOMIC IMPACT ON HUNGER:

**1,216,683 POUNDS OF FOOD ARE
GROWN ANNUALLY, REPRESENTING
\$2,735,533.**

**DONATION EFFORTS HAVE TOTALLED
OVER 700,000 POUNDS SINCE 2010**

community gardens

www.heartofpiercecounty.org

370,000

Gardened square footage

3.29

Pounds of food grown per
square foot

1,216,683

Total food grown locally on
an annual basis

A photograph of industrial smokestacks emitting thick white smoke against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The smokestacks are grey with red and white striped bands. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**PREVENTS 1250
TONS OF CO2
ANNUALLY**



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

3500 PEOPLE ENGAGE IN
OUR PROGRAMMING -
INCREASING FOOD ACCESS,
SOCIAL COHESION AND
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY -

WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO
GREATER SOCIAL AND
PHYSICAL HEALTH



5.3 MILLION

ADDITIONAL GALLONS OF STORMWATER INFILTRATED BY
THE 15 ACRES OF LAND STEWARDED BY HARVEST PIERCE
COUNTY (COMMUNITY GARDENS, ORCHARDS AND VEGGIE
COOP)



QUESTIONS?