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2017 Program Accomplishments

Green Guerillas engaged in another successful year of program activities to help grassroots community garden groups strengthen their community gardens and cultivate community.

Providing community gardeners the materials they need to strengthen gardens and produce a bountiful harvest: We provided seeds, bulbs, plants, and vegetable seedlings to help community gardeners strengthen their gardens and boost the harvest. We delivered plant material to more than 50 community garden groups in the Lower East Side, Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, and the South Bronx. Green Guerillas delivered tons of healthy soil to several community gardens to help them boost their harvest even further.

Helping the Youth Farm thrive: Green Guerillas helped urban farmers and youth leaders manage a bountiful education farm and urban production farm that produced a bountiful harvest of fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables for the Crown Heights/East Flatbush community and created service and learning opportunities for dozens of young people. The Youth Farm team managed a weekly farmers market and CSA program, organized a Farm Club, taught a Go Green class, organized field trips for hundreds of youth and children from other schools, and trained farm apprentices.

Supporting community gardener-led land trusts: Our executive director and program consultants provided critical organizational assistance to the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trust to help them fundraise, manage their properties, manage their water systems, and make repairs and improvement to their 32 beautiful, historic community gardens.

Fundraising for a bountiful harvest

Council District 7: Green Guerillas received funding from Council Member Mark Levine to support uptown Manhattan food-growing community gardens including Hope Steven Garden, Mo Pals Garden, William A Harris Garden, La Perla Garden, and Frank White Memorial Garden.

Council District 14: We received Parks Equity Initiative funding to support South Bronx food-growing community gardens, including Davidson Avenue Garden, GreenPatch on Walton, Townsend Garden, and Leave it Better Kids Garden.

Phoenix Community Garden: We continued to serve as the fiscal sponsor for this large, active food-growing community garden on Fulton Street by helping them manage individual donations and a grant from the Citizens Committee for NYC.

Engaging youth at the core of our work

Youth Tillers: Our YT team of 6 youth engaged in paid internships at the Youth Farm that helped them gain skills as they led fieldwork activities for adult and youth volunteers, led farm tours, worked at the market, conducted cooking demonstrations, did market outreach, and surveyed market customers.

Youth Poised: 6 High School for Public Service students made up the Youth Poised committee. They evaluated grant applications and awarded grants to 10 central Brooklyn community garden groups to support garden projects and events.

Youth Mural Project: We engaged children and teenagers in organized community arts activities to help them unleash their creativity and connect art with nature, food, and ecology.