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Showcasing Duluth Community Garden Program

Access to Healthy Food



Topics We'll Cover

Our Talk Today

Mission
DCGP History
How Small Nonprofits Work
Challenges
How Duluthians Benefit

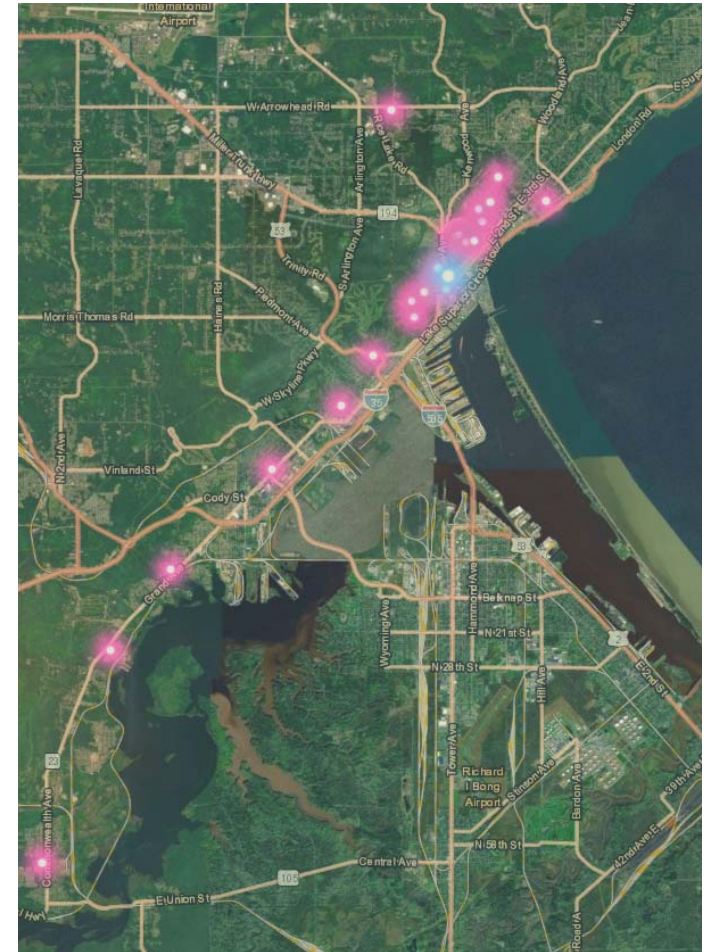


Mission

The mission of the Duluth Community Garden Program is to cultivate healthy neighborhoods by providing access to land, resources, and community.

Land

21 gardens across the city,
with over 270 plots. One third
of the land is owned by DCGP.



Gardens

Strawberry Hill





Gardens

Georgia's



Gardens

Hillside



Resources

Gardening should be accessible to everyone, regardless of resources or experience

Community

Gardening brings people together





History of DCGP

ESTABLISHED IN 1977

Started by neighborhood gardeners in vacant lots around Hillside

DEEP ROOTS

One of our current sites started as a Victory Garden in WWII, and has been in production ever since

STAFFING

Over the years, DCGP has gone from several staff as few as 0 staff - being completely volunteer run



EVERY VOLUNTEER HOUR IS EQUAL TO A \$25 DONATION

Each garden plot costs over \$200 to maintain




FUNDRAISING

In addition to plot fees, we host 2 big fundraisers each year to raise funds for our program



COMMITTED BOARD, COMMITTEES, AND SITE COORDINATORS

All volunteer run



**HOW DOES
A SMALL
NONPROFIT
LIKE DCGP
OPERATE?**

Challenges

FUNDING

Garden building vs garden maintenance
Sustainability

ENGAGEMENT

It's hard to get people involved

OUTREACH

Successfully getting our message to the
people who can benefit most





How Duluth Benefits from DCGP

CREATING FOOD JUSTICE

Gardens throughout the city

The ultimate goal is to have 1 garden every square mile

Combatting food insecurity

41.6% of adults in Hillside neighborhood reported feeling worried about running out of food (Bridge to Health Survey, 2015)

Gardeners won't be turned away due to inability to pay

41% of our gardeners identified as low income

HEALTHY, LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

Food Shelf Plots

Improve mental health, increase physical activity

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Providing chemical-free green space on otherwise vacant lots

**Land.
Resources.
Community.**



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