



**SOUTHSIDE
COMMUNITY
LAND TRUST**

**2016
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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Southside Community Land Trust made tangible inroads, improving Rhode Islanders' well-being in 2016.

We reshaped the landscape to put more land into production. We helped more new farmers earn a living from their work. And we provided assistance to more people of all ages who wanted to eat good, healthy food. Here's how:

Reshaping the landscape: We cleared more land on our incubator farm to create new fields for urban farmers who needed larger plots. We expanded Sky Hill Farm in Olneyville. We renovated the Somerset Hayward Farm on the South Side in preparation for its first year of cultivation. We also built a 72-plot community garden in Pawtucket, which will feed over 120 people when full.

Helping farmers earn a living: Our staff led workshops, trained apprentices and advised new farmers in-field to share best practices in sustainable agriculture. We also mentored immigrant and refugee farmers at the Sankofa World Market in customer relations and retail presentation so they could sell their crops.

Engaging people in eating well: SCLT's summer learning program for young children, our youth program for high school youth and our outreach to seniors shared the goal of encouraging people to enjoy nutritious food.

At SCLT we're always looking for new people to reach with this message and new neighborhoods where we can promote sustainable agriculture. At the end of 2016, we began a partnership with the city of Central Falls, and will soon break ground on a much-needed and eagerly anticipated garden. Our roots are expanding not only deeper, but across city borders, to spread a healthy food ethic in Rhode Island.

With each garden and farm, we're improving people's access to fresh, affordable food, whether they grow it themselves or buy it from a local farmer. **Your support makes all of this possible.**

In gratitude,

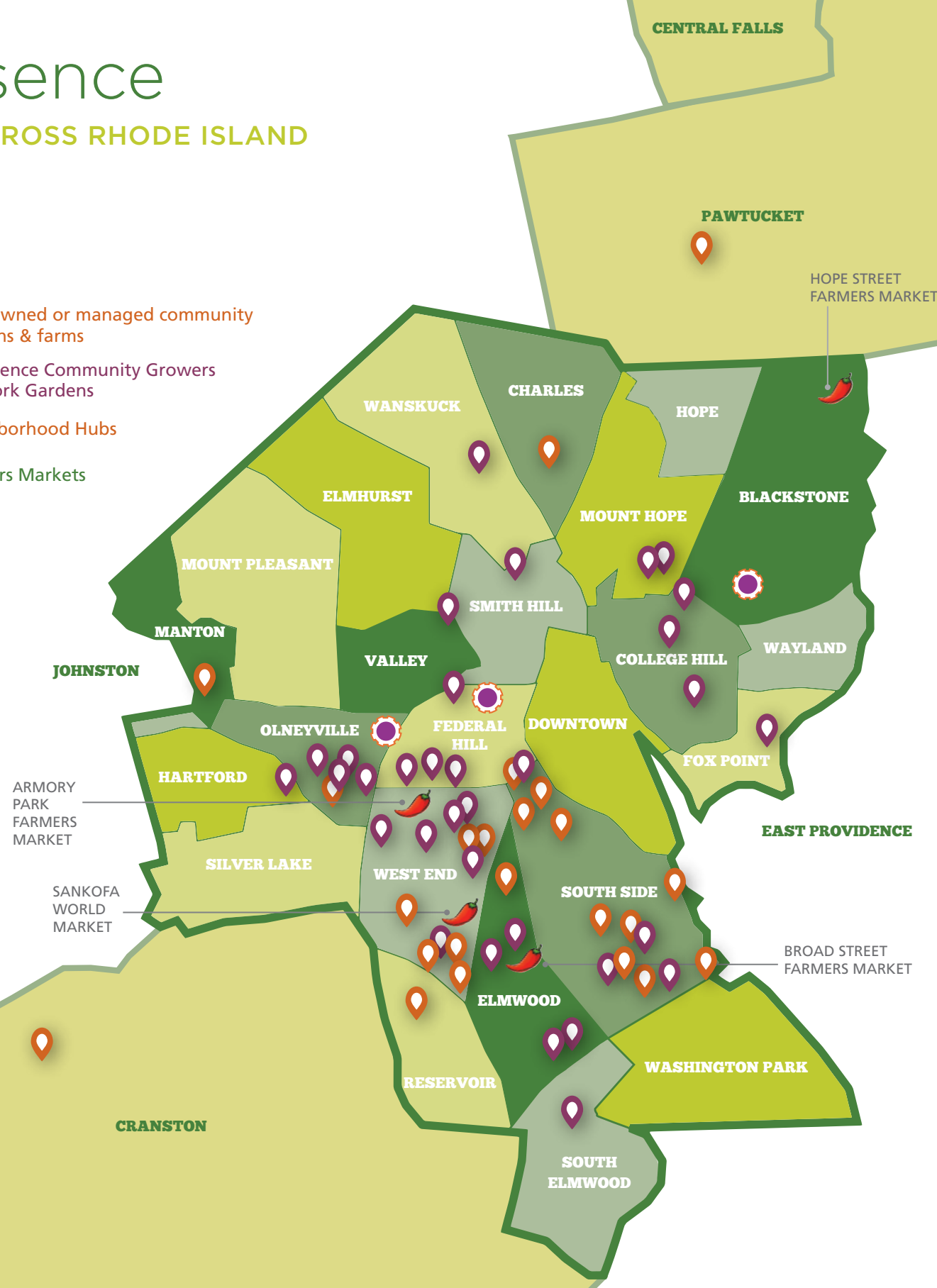
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Presence

ACROSS RHODE ISLAND

-  SCLT-owned or managed community gardens & farms
-  Providence Community Growers Network Gardens
-  Neighborhood Hubs
-  Farmers Markets



COMMUNITY GARDENS & URBAN FARMS

SCLT has transformed nearly 8 acres of urban land into 52 community gardens and urban farms since 1981. This includes 21 parcels we own or directly manage, plus those we help to manage in partnerships with schools, affordable housing organizations, religious and community groups. Four community gardens serve as neighborhood hubs where we distribute resources and offer free workshops through the Providence Community Growers Network.

In all, these gardens and farms enable roughly 1,200 people, including backyard and container gardeners, to grow their own healthy and affordable food.

CITY FARM is a ¾-acre demonstration farm, a thriving center of biodiversity, and a living classroom for people of all ages who want to learn about environmentally sustainable farming practices. City Farm is also the site of our annual Rare & Unusual Plant Sale. Over two days each May more than 1,500 people come to choose among 20,000 organic vegetable starts, ornamental plants, and native pollinators for their own gardens. Throughout the season produce grown at City Farm is sold at three Providence farmers markets and to some of the area's most renowned restaurants.

URBAN EDGE FARM is a 50-acre farm in Cranston, RI. While the RI Department of Environmental Management owns the land, SCLT maintains it and offers affordable leases to eight sustainable farms. Their bounty helps fuel the local food system (and the economy) by stocking our farmers markets, restaurants and CSAs with tasty, fresh and exciting local food.

FARMERS MARKETS

The map on the left shows four farmers markets that are important to our work. City Farm sells produce at the Hope Street Market; Armory Park features food grown by the Little City Growers Co-op; food is sold from the Broad Street Collaborative at the Broad Street Market; and at the Sankofa World Market, we help newer farmers aggregate their produce and provide them with market training.



Expansion into Pawtucket and Central Falls

Our first urban agriculture site in Pawtucket is Galego Community Farm. This space will host a community garden, up to four urban farmers, and an SCLT operated production farm. But this expansion means more than just building new spaces to grow food. We are also focused on serving residents through education, running a summer learning program for kids and teaching an adult nutrition course, all while engaging an army of volunteers in this work. In the fall we celebrated the wind-down of the growing season by hosting an annual Harvest Festival for the families and residents at Galego Court.

Additionally, SCLT became a member of the Pawtucket Central Falls Health Equity Zone, a group of 24 organizations working together to improve residents' health. Now, we're looking towards the future and hearing from our neighbors in Central Falls about their aspirations for the Garfield Park Community Garden, slated to open in the spring of 2018.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



Our Community

BY THE NUMBERS

25+

LANGUAGES

are spoken in our gardens

225

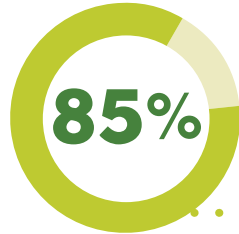
CHILDREN & YOUTH

participate in our education and employment program

32

FARMERS

full or part-time on SCLT land



OF OUR GARDENERS LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

2,000+

PACKETS OF FREE SEEDS

are given to low-income farmers & gardeners

25,000+

PLANTS ARE GROWN FROM SEED

in the City Farm greenhouse for farm production and the Plant Sale

PARTNERED WITH

27

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

3,000

PEOPLE EAT from

23

ACRES OF CULTIVATED LAND

52

COMMUNITY GARDENS in SCLT's network

Farm to Market

Food grown on SCLT land is available at:

15

FARMERS MARKETS

and delivered to roughly

100

LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND FOOD BUSINESSES

and through

6

CSAs

(Community Supported Agriculture Shares)



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



Farm Apprenticeship Program

In 2016 we expanded our Farm Apprenticeship Program. Modeled on the success of apprenticeships offered at City Farm for more than a decade, its goal is to provide paid, professional training to aspiring organic farmers. SCLT placed apprentices with local farmers including Ben Torpey of Scratch Farm, Christina Dedora of Blue Skys Farm (both located at Urban Edge Farm), and Patrick McNiff of Pat's Pastured in East Greenwich. Over the season, they participated in a wide range of farming tasks, workshops and farm tours. They also attended the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) summer conference. Each of the apprentices is planning on applying what they learned to form new farming operations.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

West African elders can now grow food at Higher Ground

Usually it takes between several months to a year or more to build a new garden or urban farm (including design, planning, funding, installation and planting). So, when a garden for the nonprofit Higher Ground International was built within two months, some of their clients called it a miracle.

Higher Ground was founded by Henrietta White-Holder, a powerful force of nature born in Liberia and raised in Providence. Her organization works to empower West African refugees as well as those seeking peace and prosperity in Liberia. Henrie, as she is known, came to us with a proposal to build four raised beds where her elders could grow traditional West African produce at the organization's Rukyia Center on Prairie Avenue. Within weeks, we partnered with Amos House to combine resources and labor, and the beds were quickly built.

To learn more about Higher Ground, go to their website (www.highergroundintl.org) or their Facebook page, where you can see a video of one of the elders singing in her native dialect as she works in her new garden bed.



Impact

WHAT WE DO

URBAN AGRICULTURE

SCLT expanded the perimeter of Sky Hill Farm in Olneyville and installed a new fence and public art created by participants in The Steel Yard's paid job readiness program.

In year two of managing Galego Community Farm in Pawtucket we manually cleared invasive knotweed, secured a contract from USDA and NRCS to install a pollinator habitat, and contracted Groundworks Providence to build 72 community garden beds, including 4 raised beds for easy access by those who have trouble bending or kneeling.

RURAL FARMLAND ACCESS

At Urban Edge Farm, boulders and brush were cleared from a 4.5-acre field, preparing it as a training field for urban farmers to expand their operations. Eleven farmers sought to lease land at the new field, and two were selected as the first tenants. Each has leased 1/4 acre for the 2017 season and has the opportunity to expand in the future.

As part of a USDA grant, in 2016 SCLT began convening partners to expand land access opportunities for beginning farmers. Project partners included Young Farmer Network, The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island, RI Department of Environmental Management, RI Land Trust Council, Northern RI Conservation District, and Land for Good.

SOMERSET HAYWARD YOUTH ENTERPRISE FARM

A previously abandoned lot located at Somerset and Hayward Streets was cleared of debris, regraded and the contaminated soil was capped. Contractors built a perimeter wall and filled it with clean planting soil. A fence and irrigation system were installed and SCLT's youth staff planted their first crop of garlic.

BETTER HEALTH & GARDENS

SCLT hosted nutrition training courses with Miriam Hospital's Dr. Mary Flynn and community partners including the Genesis Center, the Providence Parent Academy, Youth in Action, and Lifespan Community Health Institute. We provided healthy cooking demonstrations throughout the year. SCLT's summer youth programs also focused on food's cultural role and using STEM-based approaches to connect food and the environment.

COMPOSTING

We continued to collect and compost food scraps and other organic material at City Farm, which enriched the Farm's soil for the current growing season. In 2016 we brought in over 12 tons of organic matter, making City Farm the largest composting operation in Providence.

Invested

2016 FINANCIALS

Southside Community Land Trust Data*

INCOME

Contributions	\$ 292,966
Government Revenue	\$ 378,084
Earned Revenue	\$ 241,085
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 912,135

EXPENSE

Programs	\$ 549,156
Administration	\$ 94,555
Development	\$ 154,620
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 798,331

NET INCOME \$ 113,804

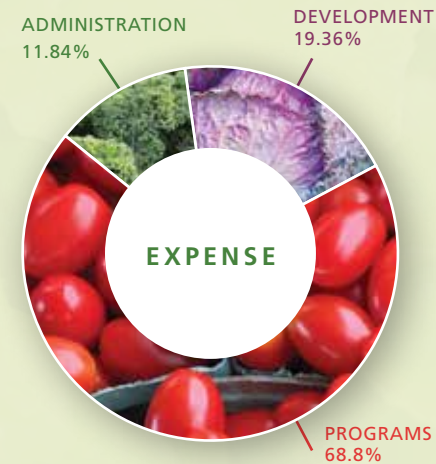
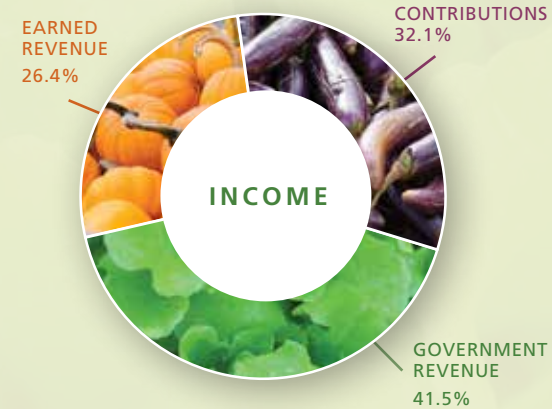
TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,633,212

CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 538,844
FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,027,099
INVESTMENTS & OTHER ASSETS	\$ 67,269

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$1,633,212

LIABILITIES	\$ 11,336
EQUITY	\$1,621,876

*Unaudited



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