

grow TOGETHER



A photograph of various fresh vegetables arranged on a wooden surface. On the left, a clear plastic bag contains several green and red chili peppers. Next to it is a large bunch of flat-leafed parsley. In the center, a small white cardboard container is filled with green beans. Below the beans is a clear plastic bag containing several green tomatoes. To the right of the tomatoes are two bunches of cilantro, one tied with a rubber band and the other with a string. Further right are two bunches of radishes, one with red skin and one with white skin. A portion of an orange pumpkin is visible on the far right. The background consists of dark brown mulch.

OUR MISSION

Southside Community Land Trust provides access to land, education and other resources so people in Rhode Island can grow food in environmentally sustainable ways and create community food systems where locally produced, affordable and healthy food is available to all.



Strengthening COMMUNITIES

In 2019, Southside Community Land Trust built on existing practices and partnerships to deepen our programming rather than pilot new endeavors. Building on what worked well meant continuing to provide affordable land, organic resources and training to farmers and gardeners, offering food system jobs to youth from underserved neighborhoods and educating people of all ages about nutrition and land stewardship.

The organization has come a long way in four decades. We remain committed to giving people the support they need to grow their own healthy food and start their own businesses. This will strengthen communities and move us toward a more equitable and environmentally sustainable future here in Rhode Island.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in Rhode Islander's health and well-being.



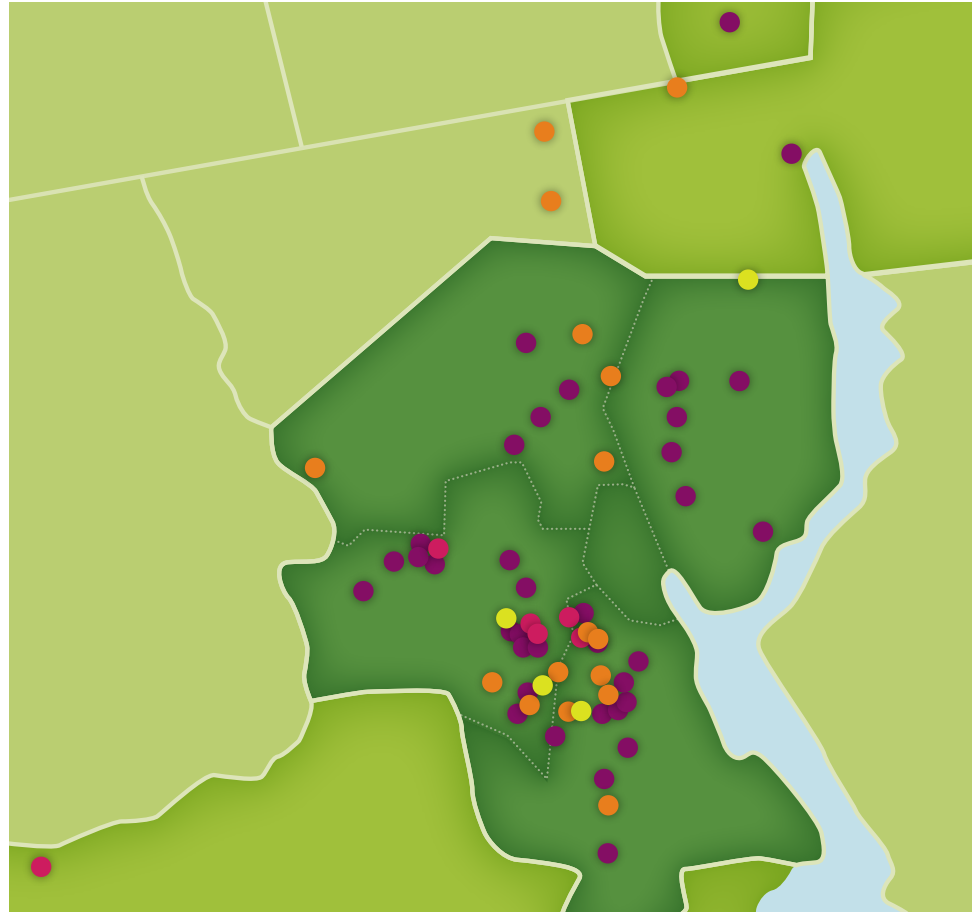
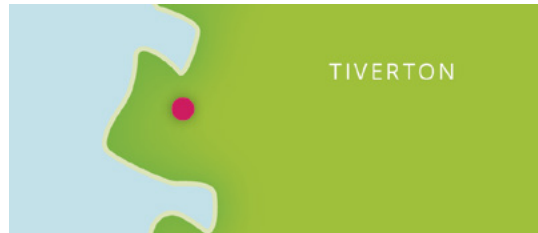
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OUR RANGE

- **SCLT Community Gardens**
Land we own and/or manage
- **Providence Community Garden Network Sites**
Gardens we support with agricultural resources and/or services
- **SCLT owned and/or managed farms**
- **Farmers Markets**



Breaking NEW GROUND

In 2019, we built a large, new community garden on Somerset Street in Providence that incorporates the previous Sideyard Garden. We also renovated the Charles Street Community Farm, adding more food plots. In Pawtucket, Galego Community Farm came into its own as a production farm, and Garfield Park Community Garden added 11 more gardeners, filling up all of the growing spaces at the site.



11
NEW FARMERS JOINED
the Garfield Park
Community Garden

100%
OF THE GARDENS'
GROW SPACES
are occupied

Making progress SCLT 2.0

With our \$4 million GROW! Capital Campaign entering the home stretch, we plan to start renovating the building at 404 Broad Street in late 2020. In addition to the physical improvement our project will bring to the area, RI Housing will replace dozens of boarded-up buildings in Trinity Square with 70 affordable housing units. To prepare for our move we've actively participated in Trinity Square Together, a group of neighborhood stakeholders working to improve the area's quality of life. We look forward to bringing jobs as well as more healthy produce and locally owned food businesses to our neighbors in Trinity Square!



BELOW & LEFT:
Images from Union Studios' concept design of 404 Broad Street



An architectural floor plan of a building, showing various rooms and corridors. The plan is rendered in a light green and brown color scheme. Key areas labeled include 'STAFF 1' (9'-0" X 10'-0"), 'STAFF 2', 'STAFF 3', 'STAFF 4', 'OFFICE AREA' (38'-0" X 40'-0"), 'LIFT', 'DN' (down stairs), and 'AGE'. A large white quote mark is positioned at the top center of the image.

*The new building will be
meaningful and transformational*

for the organization, the staff and the
communities we work with.

• Michael Isenberg, Capital Campaign co-Chair •

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our community

BY THE NUMBERS

3,100+

PEOPLE ate from
64 COMMUNITY
GARDENS & FARMS

29+

LANGUAGES spoken
in our gardens

300

CHILDREN benefited from our
education programs

400

POUNDS of produce donated
to the RI Food Bank in 2019

15

FARMERS MARKETS sold
food grown on SCLT land

85%

PERCENTAGE OF SCLT
GARDENERS living below
the poverty line

44

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
employed in our work-based
learning programs

47

COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS partnered
with SCLT in 2019

32

FARMERS grew full or
part-time on SCLT land

2,000+

PACKETS OF FREE SEEDS
given to low-income
farmers & gardeners

570

GARDENING PLOTS
occupied at SCLT owned
or supported gardens

65

NAMES on the waiting
list for garden plots or
additional farmland



15

FARMERS SOLD THEIR CROPS
TO WHOLESALE MARKETS
with help from the SCLT
Aggregation program



100+

LOCAL RESTAURANTS
& FOOD BUSINESSES
prepared delicious food
with fresh, chemical-free
produce grown on SCLT land



our programs build a better

LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM, FROM THE GROUND UP

Produce Aggregation

Aggregating small, local farmers' produce to sell through local outlets like mobile markets and other buyers helps them grow their businesses by not having to market the produce themselves. Despite the program's small staff and limited cold storage capacity, 2019 sales grew 21% over 2018 sales and the number of units sold grew by 12%.

Farmer Training

The Apprenticeship Program grew from four to five participants at regenerative partner farms across Rhode Island in 2019. These included Moor Food, Red Planet Farm, Pat's Pastured, Wild Harmony Farm and City Farm.



Apprentices worked more hours and were able to continue their positions from one to two years to expand their knowledge of running a farm business.

Farmland Access

In 2019, we increased the arable land at Urban Edge Farm in Cranston from 12 to 18 acres, making room for five more farmers on-site, bringing the total to 18. We also added 1,000 feet of improved access roads and partnered with Building Futures RI to install a new cold storage unit and composting toilet at UEF. SCLT staff assisted five local organizations seeking to develop new communal farms, with the potential of opening up nearly 30 more acres over the next three years.



Education

SCLT and City Farm staff taught hundreds of youth and adults about regenerative farming and healthy meal planning and cooking. This took place in workshops, field trips to City Farm and the Somerset Hayward Youth Enterprise Farm, and a new cooking component of our summer jobs program.

Youth Employment

In 2018, we partnered with Groundwork RI and Harvest Kitchen to develop a work-based, summer learning program for high school youth in Pawtucket—similar to our ongoing Providence program. In 2019, we increased the number of youth at both sites from 24 to 44. Youth worked in teams to grow food, prepare healthy meals, and developing leadership and community outreach experience. They also got to hear directly from green sector professionals about career opportunities in this expanding sector.

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SCIT's summer lunch program was such a great partnership.

It was also the first program to be inspired, designed and executed by teenagers. It was amazing to watch it happen.

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—Christy Clausen,
Providence Parks Department, Program Supervisor





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Income

Contributions	1,274,637
Government	442,731
Earned Income	164,159
Total Income	1,881,528

Expense

Programs	908,405
Administration	222,668
Development	211,650
Total Expenses	1,342,723

Net Income	538,805
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Total Assets 3,192,748

Current Assets	960,563
Fixed Assets	1,848,571
Investment and Other Assets	383,614

Liabilities & Equity 3,192,748

Liabilities	265,165
Equity	2,927,583



- Contributions
- Government
- Earned Income



- Programs
- Administration
- Development

* Unaudited



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This [USDA] grant will help plant the seeds for future success. It will provide beginning farmers with access to critical resources, tools and training *to ensure the next generation of Rhode Island farmers can thrive.*

—Jack Reed
RI Senator, while on a
visit to Urban Edge Farm

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