



IMPACT REPORT

GROW *Together*

2025-2026





Mary (right) & Rochelle

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF

Mary Worrell

Mary Worrell supported Southside Community Land Trust for nearly two decades, bringing with her a deep belief that gardens can nourish far more than the land. They can bring people together, build connection, and strengthen communities.

She began supporting SCLT in 2003, served on our Board from 2004 to 2009, and later co-chaired the GROW Capital Campaign, helping make the Healthy Food Hub at 404 Broad Street possible.

Mary's grace, generosity, and care left a lasting mark on SCLT. We are deeply grateful for all she gave to this community, and her legacy will live on in the gardens, relationships, and places she helped nurture.

Dear SCLT friends and supporters,

When we first conceived of the 404 Broad Healthy Food Hub, we imagined it as a place where farmers could bring produce and SCLT would distribute it to retailers, institutional buyers and restaurants in communities where fresh, healthy and affordable food is scarce. Over time, we would attract more customers and deliver more sales to farmers, growing our local food economy while also making better food available for more low-income families.

Between the time we started construction in 2021 and today, food prices in New England have increased by 25%. The most recent data indicates that 38% of Rhode Islanders face food insecurity. These high rates of inflation and hunger have been met with decreases in federal food assistance.

The good news is that people across our communities are rushing to help their neighbors make ends meet through increasing state and local budgets, making

larger donations, and volunteering more of their time. Throughout 2025 and 2026, your contributions have enabled SCLT to support local farmers while responding to this food crisis. Today, most of the food aggregated at the 404 Healthy Food Hub is part of the emergency food response and gets distributed at no cost to neighbors in need.

This Impact Report shares a handful of stories about some of the champions who have made the 404 Broad Healthy Food Hub and our other important work possible. It also shares our gratitude and our hope that, if we keep working together, we can continue to improve lives and health in our communities in ways that we simply can't begin to imagine today.



Margaret DeVos
Executive Director



Rochelle Lee
Board President

Our Impact

By the numbers

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT) serves communities throughout Rhode Island by creating access to healthy food, economic opportunities for farmers, youth, and community gardens. This impact report highlights our work during 2025–2026, a year of significant transition as we adapted to changing federal funding while strengthening local partnerships.

This report demonstrates how community support has enabled us to maintain our mission of providing fresh, affordable food, and economic opportunity to those who need it most.

26,000+

are served annually through community gardens, farmer support & services, workforce development programs, and healthy food access initiatives.

22

community gardens

73

acres of agricultural land

2

incubator farms

18

small businesses supported

300

volunteers

150+

hours

2

food hubs
1 Providence
1 Cranston*

*Under construction

36,000 lbs

of produce distributed



Left: Free Farm Stand Giveaway.



HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Our aggregation program collects, distributes and sells produce from urban and rural farmers in our network. We handle logistics and market placement for farmers so they can focus on growing fresh food for their communities and operating sustainable farm businesses.

\$210,000*

total revenue for farmers

CROP SHARES

\$20 Value/bag

5-7 bag/varieties

3-8lbs of produce

Bi-weekly Delivery

12 partner distribution sites

5,510 Projected shares

36,000 Pounds in 2025



**FREE FARM
STAND GIVEAWAYS**

13+ locations

1,750+ people served

Left: Produce giveaway participant. Right: Produce being aggregated at Food Hub in Providence



Building Futures Partnership

In 2025–26, we hosted forty-six Building Futures apprentices on our urban and rural properties. They improved farm and garden infrastructure and learned how to implement important land conservation practices. Farmers and gardeners benefited through the construction of 3 tool storage sheds and an upgraded roof at City Farm which will allow for the installation of solar panels.

BY THE NUMBERS

46

Apprentices
Hosted

3

Tool Storage
Sheds Built

1

Roof Upgraded
For Solar



“This partnership has been amazingly beneficial to our programs. Not only has it provided real world environments in which to teach and learn, but it has enhanced the variety of trainings that we have been able to provide. SCLT staff provide unique and valuable insights into manual labor, land management, and environmental stewardship. This success speaks to the power of collaboration and has added to the greater good for our communities.”

EVAN ROSIN-PRITCHARD
Director Of Trainee Development,
Building Futures

New Food Hub

This fall we are completing phase I of our new food hub at Urban Edge Farm in Cranston. It is funded primarily through a USDA Resilient Food System Infrastructure grant subaward from RIDEM, with matching funds generously provided by HFFI, Growing Justice and an anonymous donor.

BY THE NUMBERS

3,200 sq ft

NEW MORTON BUILDING an expanded aggregation program starting in 2027

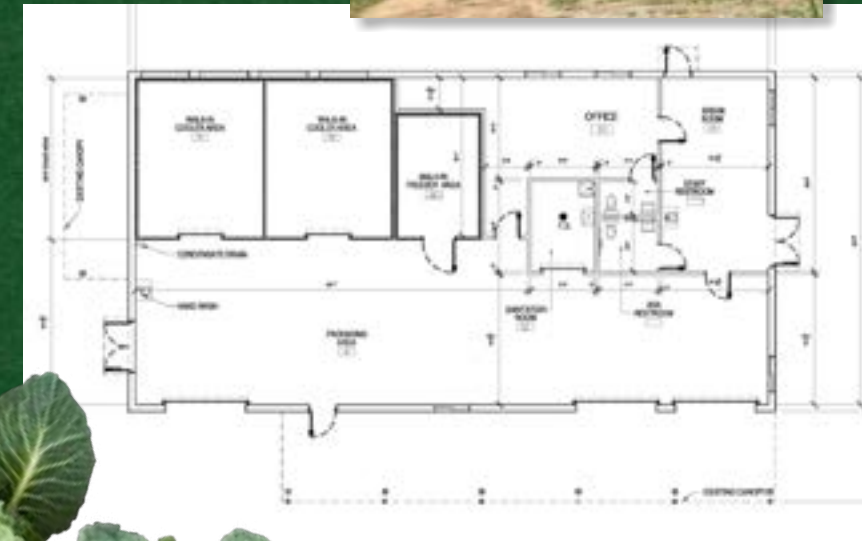
800 sq ft

COOLER AND FREEZER SPACE
+ Space for receiving/packing, an office, and meeting/break room

\$1.5M

OF EXPECTED PRODUCE OUTPUT

Constructed In Partnership
With Building Futures RI
Pre-Apprenticeship Program



Youth Program

Workforce Development

The Workforce Development program empowers young people 14–24 from Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls through hands-on sustainable agricultural and food justice education. Participants develop leadership skills while creating pathways to college, careers, and community transformation.

“IT REALLY MEANT A LOT TO ME TO SEE HER HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE, LEARN NEW THINGS, AND BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE AND INDEPENDENT.”

Parent of a Participant

BY THE NUMBERS

30

Youth Served Annually

10

Field Trips

3

Farmer Support & Learning

INSPIRING FUTURE FARMERS

93%

go on to college or the workforce after graduation

60%

Return for multiple seasons

90%

Consider careers in agriculture, environmental science, or food policy



“MY FAVORITE ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN MEETING NEW PEOPLE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. IT’S SUPER PHILANTHROPIC AND I REALLY ENJOY LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT.”

Versia, First-Time Participant

Left: Youth at Enterprise Farm. Above: Youth on a field trip with Ellen Asermely.

Community Gardens

Our community gardens serve as vital spaces where people grow culturally familiar foods, generate income, and build community connections.

In 2026, SCLT secured ownership of Peace and Plenty Garden. The site, located in Providence's Elmwood neighborhood, has hosted gardeners since 1988. But the hospital companies that have owned it since that time have never been willing to sell the property, despite many offers.

Finally, 9 years after purchasing the garden along with the adjacent St. Joseph's Hospital property, Joe Paolino Jr. donated the property for use as a garden in perpetuity.

BY THE NUMBERS

325

Gardeners

34

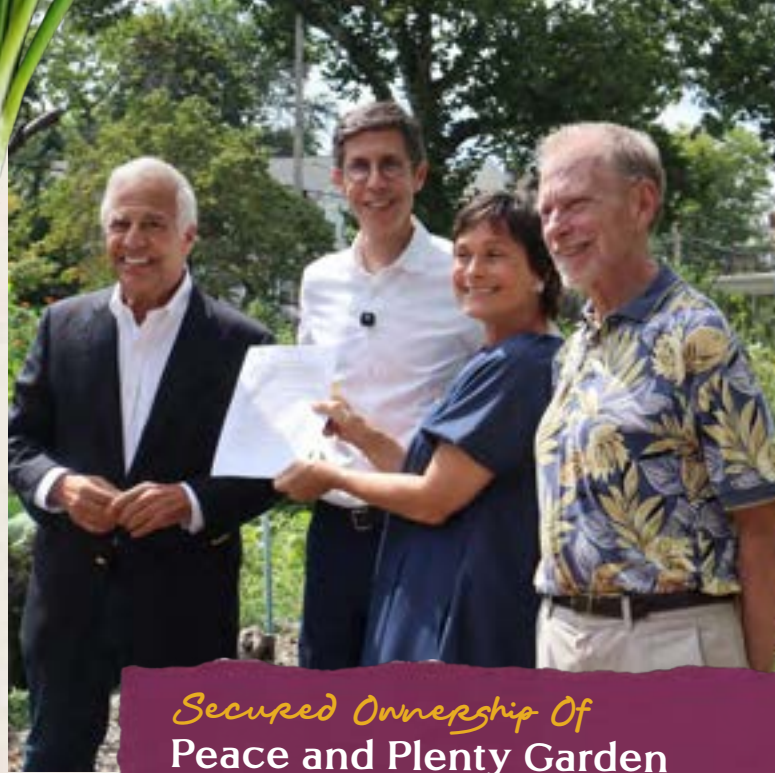
Languages Spoken

6.42

Acres

26

Community Gardens



Secured Ownership Of Peace and Plenty Garden

Above: Left to Right Joe Paolino, Jr., Mayor Brett Smiley, Margaret DeVos and Doug Victor

Farmer Training & Services

SERVICES

Our staff provided a variety of hands-on technical assistance (TA) and agricultural services to over 30 separate farm operations within the farm incubator program at UEF and GEF.

WHAT WE DO:

Connecting farmers with grant and business opportunities

Training to manage pests and plant diseases, soil health, equipment use, irrigation, crop production, and produce safety.

LAND ACCESS

74.75

ACRES MANAGED

36.5 in crops

32 in managed forest

45

FARMERS RUNNING

17 OPERATIONS

335,000

Pounds of produce
grown on farms



CONSERVATION

NRCS-funded projects included storm water management to reduce erosion and expand tillable acreage, soil health improvement across 15 tracts of land.

89+

Acres of farmland

41+

Acres of cropland

30

Acres of
sustainable forestry

Above: Farmer Marie Mukabhazi and David Kuma at Urban Edge Farm.

City Farm

Rhode Island's oldest operating urban production and demonstration farm. Over the past three decades, neighborhood children have learned about plant cycles and how food is grown there, and adults have benefited from gardening workshops and farm apprenticeships.

BIO BLITZ

City Farm is a site for a three part Bio Blitz to gather biological data of living things at City Farm under **7** different Categories.

City Farm has recorded over **340** living things on its working organic farm. This is year **2** of a **10** year bio-blitz plan on **10** different SCLT properties.



BY THE NUMBERS

MARKETS

2 Farmers Markets
Hope Street & Parade Street
\$48,000
in produce sales over **26 weeks**

EDUCATION

3 middle school &
5 high school students
received hands-on learning while earning credits for internships during the spring

9 paid high school interns

COMMUNITY

20+ nonprofit/community gardens, neighbors and organizations received
2,000+ donated potted plants

30+ fresh produce donations to the Rhode Island Food Bank and Hope's Harvest.



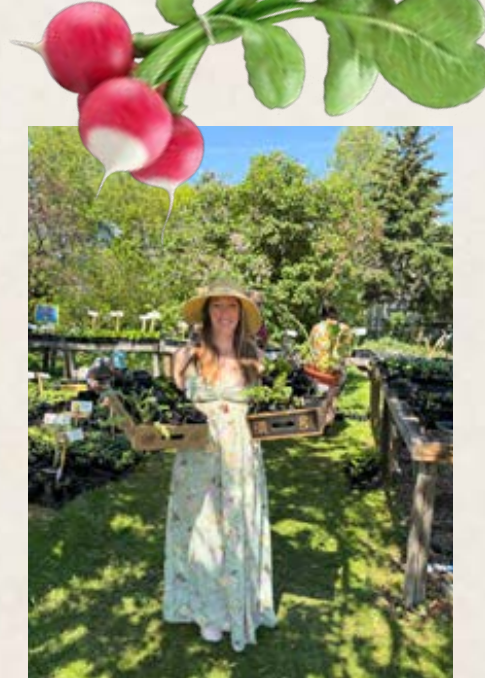
Plant Sale

2000+
people

20,000+
plants sold

\$100,000
raised for programs

63
volunteers



Thank You to our volunteers and Blount Fine Foods, Whole's Food, Sandwich Hut, Trader Joe's, Knead Donuts for donating meals and snacks.

SEE YOU AT PLANT SALE 2027!

Left: Interns at City Farm. Above: Plant Sale 2026 customer at City Farm.

GROWING SEASON
SPONSORS



Welcome New Board Members



Diane Pelletier
*RI Department of Health
(Retired)*



Mariama Kurbally
*Chief Program Officer,
E2 EMPOWERED*



Sherri Gibbs
*Consultant in Business,
Education & Reiki*



Shane Lee
*Director of Training &
Special Projects, Center for
Nonviolence & Peace Studies*



Above: Front to Back, Shane Lee, Margaret DeVos, Kee Kue (Garden leader), Mariama Kurbally, Rochelle Lee, Marcel De Los Santos, Sherri Gibbs, and Janet Caretti (Garden Leader).

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Sanctuary Herbs
West African Superstore
D's Spot Restaurant
Black Beans PVD
D'Norah Bites
Eat Fresh Prep



Thank You for Your Support

Ada's Farm
African Alliance of RI
Allegra
Amica
Amos House
Annie's Farm
Askiya Farm
Basil Farm
Beacon Bank
Beautiful Beginnings
Child Care Center
Berita's Farm
Bloom RI
Blue Skys Farm
Brown University Health
Building Futures RI
Centerville Bank
Charlotte's Farm
Chia's Farm
Chou's Farm
Children's Providence
Museum
CVS
D.A.R.E
Daily Farm
Dave's Market
Diocese of Providence
Dorcas International
Farm Credit East

Farm Fresh RI
Food Not Bombs
Garlic Mistress
Geek Gardens
Genevieve's Farm
Gentle Strength
Herbal Co-op
Grace Jones Richardson
Trust
Greenleaf Farm
Groundworks Providence
Higher Ground
International
John and Joyce Holscher
Hmong Rhode Island
Association
Hope's Harvest. City Farm
Hope & Main
Hustle Tree Care
Iglesia Monte de Sion
Incredible Days
Integra - Care New England
Island Foundation
Josephine's Farm
Knead's donuts
Kia's Farm
Land For Good
Land & Sea Together
Loffa Farm

Marie's Farm
Mary Dexter Chaffee Fund
Natural Foods
Navigant Credit Union
Neighborhood Health Plan
of Rhode Island
New England Food
Foundation
New Urban Arts
Northern RI
Conservation District
Eastern RI
Conservation District
Oberlin Restaurant
Ocean Hour Farm -
Racing Action
Omni Development
Open Farms Retreat
Pak Express
Papitto Opportunity
Connection
Plant Community RI
Ploua's Farm
Pocasset Pokanoket
Land Trust
Point32Health Foundation
Providence Port
Purple Corn Farm
Quaintly Farm
Refugee Dream Center

Renaissance Adult Day
Health Center
Renaissance Charitable
Foundation
Rhode Island Foundation
RI Ag Energy Program
RI Center for Mediation &
Collaboration
RI Department of
Commerce
RI Department of
Environmental
Management
RI Food Bank
RI Food Policy Council
RI Land Access Network
RI Land Trust Council
Rob Levine & Associates
Santander Bank
Sankofa
Sanctuary Herbs
Sandwich Hut
Schmidt Family Foundation
Seraphina's Farm
Sista Fire
St Martin De Porres
Southeast MA Agricultural
Partnership
Stone Electric
Steel Horse Construction

Teo Products
Textron
Trader Joe's
The Partnership for
Providence Parks
Tides Foundation
Trader Joe's
UNFI
Urban Greens Co-Op
URI Cooperative Extension
URI Master Gardener
Program
URI Small Business
Development Center
USDA-AMS
USDA-NIFA
USDA-NRCS
Wallace Dilamou and
UNITED AS FED Farm
Washington Trust
Waterson Terminal
West End Community
Center
Western Bank
Whole Foods
Wilson Community Farm
Wingate Properties
Zephyr Farm
Zera's Farm

PARTNERS 2025-2026

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

★ THE GOOD EARTH

★ URBAN EDGE FARM & FUTURE FOOD HUB

Under Construction completion in 2027

★ SCLT HEADQUARTERS & PROVIDENCE FOOD HUB



GET INVOLVED

SCLT's work relies on donor contributions and volunteer partnerships. For information about how to make a gift visit SOUTHSIDECLT.ORG/DONATE.

To explore individual or group volunteer opportunities visit SOUTHSIDECLT.ORG/SUPPORT.



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our programs
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Above: Rich Pederson with Volunteers at City Farm.
Cover Images (from top left): Veggie RX distribution, Free Farm Stand giveaway, Red cabbage, Lettuce at Urban Edge Farm.

