

2024

# ANNUAL REPORT



Sudbury Shared Harvests 



The Greater Sudbury area is situated on the traditional territories of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation and is part of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. We recognize the long history of these nations on this land and we honour the knowledge and deep understanding of the land and the surrounding environment that existed long before the arrival of settlers in the area. We respect the sovereignty and self-determination of these nations and we oppose the ongoing effects of colonization.

## OUR MISSION

Sudbury Shared Harvest was founded in 2015 and registered as a charity with Canada Revenue Agency in 2017. Our mission is to cultivate community health by connecting people, the food we eat and the land it comes from.

## OUR VISION

We support people in gaining the knowledge, skills and resources they need to access or grow their own food in a way that enhances our urban environment.



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# 2024 at a glance

230

new  
volunteers  
participated

12,000

square feet of  
food forests  
maintained by  
volunteers

620

person-  
hours  
volunteered

540%

children  
learned about  
growing food  
sustainably

290

adults  
participated  
in food  
literacy  
activities



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## FOOD FORESTS

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2024 marked our third season of hosting weekly work-bees at Delki Dozzi Community Food Forest. Approximately 70 people, more than twice as many as in 2023, participated in maintaining Sudbury's largest food forest.

Sudbury Shared Harvest also worked with individual volunteers and groups to maintain food forests at other locations across Sudbury, which may be found on a map on our website ([www.sudburysharedharvest.ca](http://www.sudburysharedharvest.ca)).

Volunteers had opportunities to learn about fruit tree care, the importance of native plants and other topics.

New planting was paused in 2024 to ensure sufficient volunteer involvement to maintain existing food forests.



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## WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

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Since 2017, we have involved school groups in various initiatives when we had the capacity to do so.

Thanks to a grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation, we completed production of a series of videos in both English and French that highlight the environmental benefits of food forests while covering topics from Ontario high school curriculum in numerous subjects and all grade levels.

In spring and fall, Sudbury Shared Harvest staff led field trips related to the videos for more than 90 high school students. We are developing an indoor experiential education program to be offered from late fall through early spring.



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## LITTLE FARMERS PROGRAM

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Lacasse Fine Wood Products continues to support this program that we launched in 2022 with a generous donation from the company.

Pre-schoolers learn about where their food comes from by participating in growing veggies in raised garden beds.

In 2024, an Ontario Seniors Community Grant enabled us to expand the program by engaging more older adult volunteers to lead gardening activities.

The grant also allowed us to offer training opportunities so that volunteers can lead preschoolers in worm composting and seed starting.

**Sustaining Funder**  
***City of Greater Sudbury***

**Major Project Funders**

***Ontario Trillium Foundation***  
***Employment and Social Development***  
***Canada***

***Peavey Industries***

***Ontario Seniors Community Grant***  
***Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation***

**'Heavy Diggers'**

***SRWC LLP Chartered Professional Accountants***  
***Sudbury Branch, RBC Wealth Management***

**'Planters'**

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