



**Sudbury Shared Harvest** 

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**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.**

Sudbury Shared Harvest was founded in 2015 and registered as a charity with Canada Revenue Agency in 2017.

*Our mission:* 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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## 2021 Staff

# 2021 at a glance

**3200**

square feet of grass  
transformed into  
drought tolerant gardens

**190**

fruit trees,  
shrubs & pollinators  
planted

**700**

volunteer hours  
contributed

**10**

youth employed

**600**

servings of  
produce grown

**55**

yards of soil and manure  
shovelled

## EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS



### *Delki Dozzi:*

Due to its large size, a large number of volunteers are needed. Five volunteers were trained and worked independently on a regular basis, plus we organized several work-bees.

### *Three new gardens planted:*

- Alban (in partnership with Municipality of French River/Univi Health Centre)
- Espanola High School
- Place Hurtubise (in partnership with Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury)

### *Existing gardens:*

At Twin Forks, Walden and Chelmsford, the gardens were well maintained with leadership from established community garden leaders.

At Elm West, we trained several new volunteers who worked independently.

The Hanmer edible forest garden was maintained by staff, including youth employment participants.

## YOUTH AGRICULTURAL MENTORS (YAM) PROGRAM

After several years of planning, we launched the YAM program this summer. YMCA Employment Services placed five youth with us for 8 weeks. The youth, who were between 15 and 18 years old, worked under supervision and mentorship of our YAM Program Co-leads, assisted by summer staff hired through Canada Summer Jobs funding.

At our 50' by 50' garden plot at École secondaire Hanmer, youth learned not only how to grow food regeneratively, but also developed employment, food literacy, interpersonal and other life skills. They sold some of the produce (at very low cost) at a pop-up market stand on site and the rest was donated to community food programs that serve people in need. Any proceeds will go back into the program.

*Special thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation for a 2019 SEED grant that enabled extensive program planning and to Cambrian College for collaboration on a three-year grant from Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council that is supporting the program in numerous ways.*



# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thanks in large part to a grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund, Sudbury Shared Harvest was able to retain a consultant to lead us through development of a three-year strategic framework. We hosted consultations with a wide variety of community groups and individuals, leading to many fruitful discussions about improving existing partnerships and developing new ones. Board and staff plan to check in quarterly with the detailed operational plan that we developed using the framework.

Through the same grant, we formulated a three-year fundraising strategy. Highlights include plans to diversify our funding sources and to develop a monthly giving program. In early 2021, Greater Sudbury City Council agreed to provide to an annual grant of \$30,000 per year, putting stable operating funds well within reach.



# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PILOT:

In the spring, Kryslyn Mohan and Shanelle Lacasse, Sudbury Shared Harvest's two interns (now Youth Program Co-leads), led the piloting of a social enterprise focused on edible landscaping.

The social enterprise pilot connected youth with hands-on opportunities in ecological gardening services, while also helping empower members of the community to care for their local environment. We engaged with 22 members of the community by helping them with the maintenance, planting and/or placement of their perennial plants while also equipping them with knowledge on how to continue doing so going forward. The pilot also provided 24 hours of hands-on, paid mentorship opportunities in agriculture for youth.

The photo below was taken a few months after we did some pruning on one of our client's cherry trees; they told us that it was the best harvest they had in years! Demand for services was high, but we decided to put it on hold until we have sufficient human resources to take full advantage of the potential. We hope to further develop a business plan in the coming year.



## ITS PLANTING TIME!

How do I grow this? A regenerative garden feeds us while helping the earth!! Where do I plant it?

### Garden Services!

Are you interested in growing food or pollinator gardens in a way that enhances the health of the ecosystem? Sudbury Shared Harvest is offering planting services, garden guidance and garden design, focusing on perennial, regenerative gardens.

All proceeds go towards employing youth in agriculture

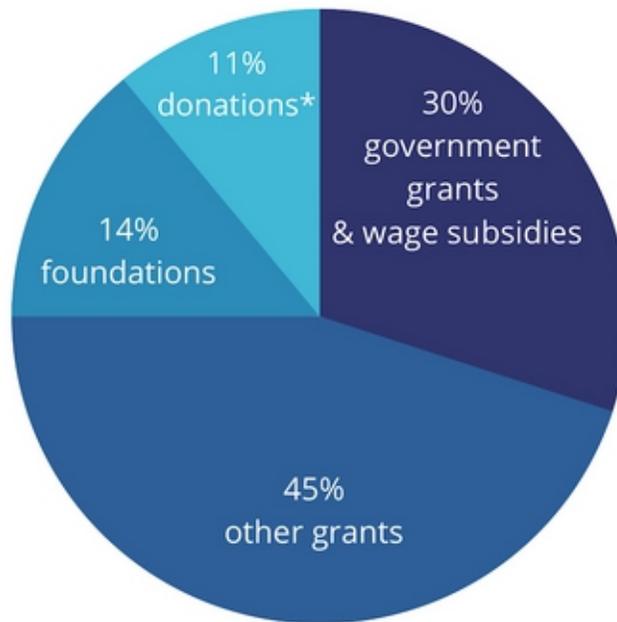
PLANTING	GARDEN DESIGN	GARDEN GUIDANCE
We can plant your trees, herbs + shrubs, and add the proper nutrients.	Perennial pollinator gardens + fruit guild design. We cannot source the plants for you, but we can guide you! *Comes with customized map	Ask us for guidance on fruit trees, composting, edible forest gardens, veg gardens, and more!
60\$/hr (30\$ for half hour)	75\$ + 25\$ per additional hour	60\$/hr (30\$ for half hour)

To request services, e-mail [yea@sudburysharedharvest.ca](mailto:yea@sudburysharedharvest.ca)



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Revenue Sources



\*Includes both corporate donations (8%) and Individual donations (3%)

## 2021 Funders and In Kind Supporters

Ontario Trillium Foundation  
City of Greater Sudbury  
Cambrian R&D  
Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation  
Employment and Social Development Canada  
Canada Post Community Foundation  
Nature's Path (Gardens for Good)  
RBC Future Launch Community Challenge  
SRWC LLP Chartered Professional Accountants  
Whole Kids Foundation  
Greater Sudbury Police Chief's Youth Initiative Fund  
Trillium Mutual Insurance Community ROOTS fund  
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation  
Pass It On Undercoating

# 2021 PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Centre de santé Univi Health Centre  
Chelmsford Public School  
City of Greater Sudbury  
Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury  
Collège Boréal  
Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario  
École secondaire Hanmer  
Espanola Public School  
Future North  
Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council  
Greater Sudbury Pollinator Garden Project  
Greater Sudbury Public Library  
GRuB (goodgrub.org)  
Lasalle Secondary School

Lewis' Hardy Fruit Trees  
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Municipality of French River  
Myths & Mirrors Community Arts  
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Rainbow District School Board  
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Seedy Sudbury  
Sudbury Community Garden Network  
Sudbury Horticultural Society  
Three Forks Farms  
Tyler Fragomeni CPA  
Ward 8 Community Action Network  
YMCA Employment Services  
And too many volunteers to name!!

