

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



Sudbury Shared Harvest 



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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2023 at a glance

1,600

square feet
of grass
converted
to drought
tolerant
gardens

160

fruit trees,
shrubs and
pollinator
plants
established

170

volunteers
contributed
their time

550

children
learned
about
growing food

120

people
participated
in free
workshops



EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS

In May and June of 2023, more than 25 high school students and about 15 other volunteers participated in planting Sudbury's newest community food forest on the grounds of Science North.

Our second year of hosting weekly work-bees at Delki Dozzi was very successful. Thirty-three people contributed a total of more than 100 person-hours to maintaining Sudbury's largest food forest. Volunteers were offered free training in fruit tree pruning, controlling pests, and other topics.

We also worked with many other individual volunteers and groups to maintain seven other edible forest gardens in locations across Sudbury, which may be found on a map on our website (www.sudburysharedharvest.ca)





WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

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

In 2023, thanks to a grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation, we began a new project that will enable us to work with more schools next year and in the future. We are producing a series of videos which cover high school curriculum elements through learning about the environmental benefits of food forests.

Beginning in the spring of 2024, the videos will be available for teachers to show and our staff will lead related experiential education opportunities at nearby food forests.



LITTLE FARMERS PROGRAM

In 2021, Lacasse Fine Wood Products came to us with a generous offer to support us in offering opportunities for pre-schoolers to learn about growing food. In 2022, we built raised garden beds and led gardening activities at three daycare centres.

This year, we added three more childcare centres to the program and added worm composters and rain barrels at some locations.

Response to the program has been fantastic, so much so that the City's Children's Services Section requested and provided funds for Sudbury Shared Harvest to build garden beds at eight more childcare centres.

In 2023, we began involving volunteers and next year a major focus will be recruiting and training more volunteers to teach preschoolers where food comes from and how to grow it ourselves.

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

Other Funders & Major In-Kind Supporters

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Sudbury Community Garden Network
Sudbury Horticultural Society
Walden Community Garden
Ward 8 Community Action Network

And too many volunteers to name!!