



SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is made up of community managed open spaces in Seattle neighborhoods. Gardeners, individually and collectively, use small plots of land to grow organic food, flowers, and herbs.

The gardens are open to the public to enjoy. Each garden is unique, and their amenities may include picnic areas, benches, art, flower gardens, educational information, sustainability demonstrations, and children's gardens.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is managed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. As of December 2021, there are 90 P-Patch community gardens, 3,727 plots, and more than 3,698 gardeners.

P-Patch gardens have a diverse history and serve diverse needs. The first garden, Picardo Farm, was created in 1973 by a group of community residents and the City of Seattle. Gardens are built on public property owned by various city departments and other public and private owners.

SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

P-Patch community gardens thrive because of the dedication of gardeners and the support of local organizations, such as:

- GROW
- Seattle Giving Garden Network
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Tilth Alliance
- City Fruit
- The Common Acre
- Black Farmers Collective
- Seattle BIPOC Organic
- Pedaling Relief Project/
Cascade Bicycle Club
- Hunger Intervention
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- United Indians of All Tribes
Foundation

APPLY TO BE A GARDENER

There are gardens all over Seattle. Our website will walk you through all the steps to get involved and start growing flowers and food alongside your neighbors. In 2021, 761 new community gardeners joined the P-Patch program. Click on the [How to Sign Up](#) link for more.

P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENS IN DEMAND

- As of December 2021, there are 4,014 people on the Interest List.
- Waiting time for individual gardens is between 0-6 months and 3-5 years.
- Annual turnover across entire program averages 14 percent.

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GARDEN FEES

Garden plots run in different sizes:
10' x 10' – \$50
10' x 20' – \$66
10' x 40' – \$98

- Financial assistance is available for those who need help paying plot fees.
- In addition to the annual fee, eight hours of volunteer time are required to maintain public areas of the P-Patch.

PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS

One of our core values is supporting low-income and underrepresented populations. One way we work to achieve this is through the Market Garden Program. Low-income and immigrant families living at Seattle Housing Authority properties have the opportunity to sell the produce grown at their P-Patch to local residents. Though market garden sales were ceased in 2021 due to COVID-19, we partnered with City Fruit to host eight pop-up events at Seattle Housing Authority gardens. At these events, we served more than 750 families with over 2,000 pounds of vegetables donated from P-Patch Market gardeners.

The program also provides financial assistance. In 2021 a total of 807 households from 80 P-Patch gardens received plot fee assistance, totaling \$61,214.

PRIORITY PLACEMENT

The P-Patch program prioritizes historically underserved populations for plot assignments. These priority groups include individuals who identify as Black or African American, Indigenous/Native, Latinx or Hispanic, households making 30% or below Seattle area median income, immigrants and refugees, people who need to garden in an accessible raised bed, and groups that serve seniors and youth (up to age 24). In 2021, 348 family households were assigned new spaces through priority placement, totalling 46 percent of new gardeners.

GARDENERS SUPPORT FOOD BANKS

60 gardens have gleaning programs or a designated “giving garden” plot in which the food is grown for food banks and hot meal programs. Gardeners donated more than 41,882 pounds of produce in 2021.

FUN FACTS

Oldest Site: Picardo (2.5 acres)

Largest Site: Beacon Food Forest (3.5+ acres)

of Sites with Accessible Raised Beds: 18

Newest Site: Troll’s Knoll

Smallest Site: Ida Mia (700 square feet)

of Market Gardens: 2

