

P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

2022

SHARING ABUNDANCE REPORT

GRAND TOTAL: 44,403 POUNDS

of fresh, organic, and locally grown produce donated to local food banks and feeding programs across the City of Seattle.



This equates to

84,358

SERVINGS

*based on the USDA's estimate of 1/2lb of produce per serving.

This is worth approximately

\$155,411

*based on the average price of organic produce per 1lb (\$3.50) according to the USDA.



This year, we asked our gardeners what motivated them to give

"Personally, I was motivated to continue giving based on skyrocketing food costs that are hitting so many people this year. I was also motivated to grow nutritious immune boosting greens in the Giving Garden in order to help recipients boost the nutrients in the menus and dishes they create. With COVID still lingering in our community, it's my pleasure to be able to grow nutrient dense foods on a small urban patch and share it locally with those who need them!"

- *Haller Lake P-Patch Gardener*

"Gardening feeds my soul, and the produce feeds my neighbors."

- *Immaculate P-Patch Gardener*

"Helping others any way I can is what I live for and I love working in the dirt. Watching the food grow right up out of the soil is a daily delight. The community aspect is a bonus. I thoroughly enjoy exchanging ideas, tips, tricks and experiences about working in the garden."

- *Evanston P-Patch Gardener*



"The Giving Garden is an important aspect of our P-Patch. Each week we have 15-20 gardeners and community members volunteer. Creating a vibrant community is very motivational - we also have a potluck that follows each weekly work party. Our gardeners really enjoy the opportunity to socialize and get to know one another while we share wonderful food."

- *Ballard P-Patch Gardener*

"It's a privilege to be able to grow food in the City, so giving back is important."

- *University District P-Patch Gardener*

"It's been really rewarding to help get great, fresh, organic produce to those who can use it, and to also connect with our community members at our P-Patch. I'm the person who delivers the harvest to the food bank, and the staff is always very grateful for the greens, herbs, and tomatoes that we can bring."

- *Hazel Heights P-Patch Gardener*

"The Giving Gardens are perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the P-Patch. Gardeners give from their own plots when they had extra or when they were out of town and gave permission to harvest."

- *Hawkins Garden P-Patch Gardener*

"White Center Food Bank (WCFB) has taken on 3 plots at our P-Patch. The idea was to create a more engaged partnership between the gardeners at our P-Patch and the Giving Garden plots. By having staff and volunteers from WCFB currently working in the P-Patch, the hope is to create better engagement with gardeners to bridge the gap between our P-Patch, the Giving Garden plots, and the WCFB."

- *West Crest P-Patch Gardener*





"We do this as part of being a community."

- *Maa nyei lai ndeic P-Patch Gardener*

"The bottom dropped out of our economy for 2 years and the most vulnerable in our community have suffered impossible burdens as a result. My lifelong work, a fair portion of it with young people in the criminal justice system, has taught me the direct link between simple hunger and both the rise of crime & the decay of social / health / functional abilities.

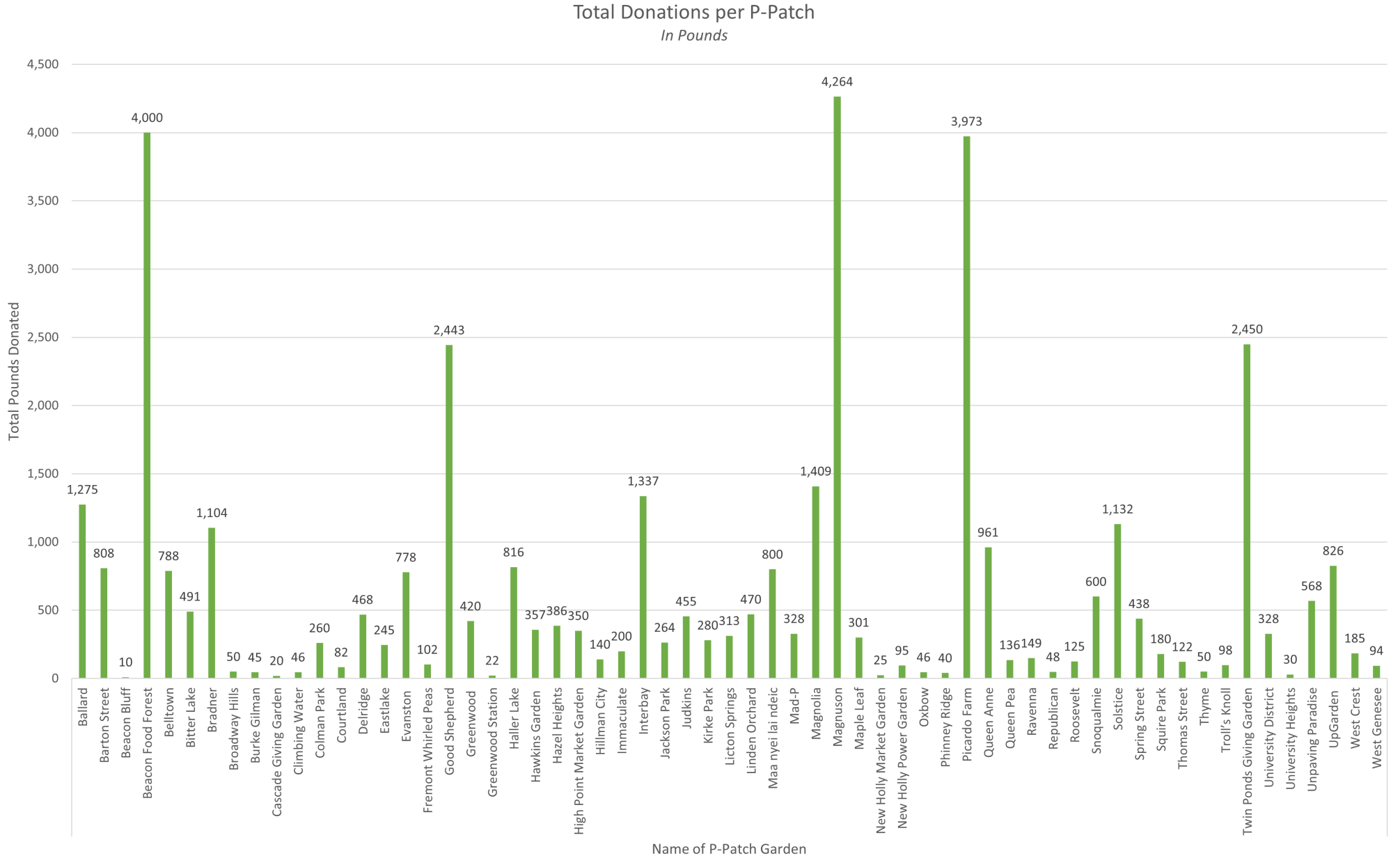
This is my civic responsibility - to make sure I do everything I can to help feed and strengthen the resilience of my most-vulnerable neighbors and their children. Our gardeners were extremely motivated by this year's switch donating to community partnerships instead of food banks. It gave them an opportunity to see how their high-quality, otherwise extremely expensive and lovingly-raised produce and flowers were genuinely impacting the real lives of our real immediate neighbors. None of our produce was wasted or lost. We saved folks on the receiving end limitless amounts of money and time by simply driving produce to their door, and connected countless people with high-quality nutrition who may NEVER have a chance to stand in line at a food bank or carry heavy produce for myriad reasons.

We also have an opportunity now to invite our neighbors in through our hospitality-based relationship. We will be welcoming these neighbors in to garden and collaborate with us over the coming years. This strengthens our entire community network of relationships, shared experience, and proactive, health-building self-sufficiency."

- *Picardo Farm P-Patch Gardener*

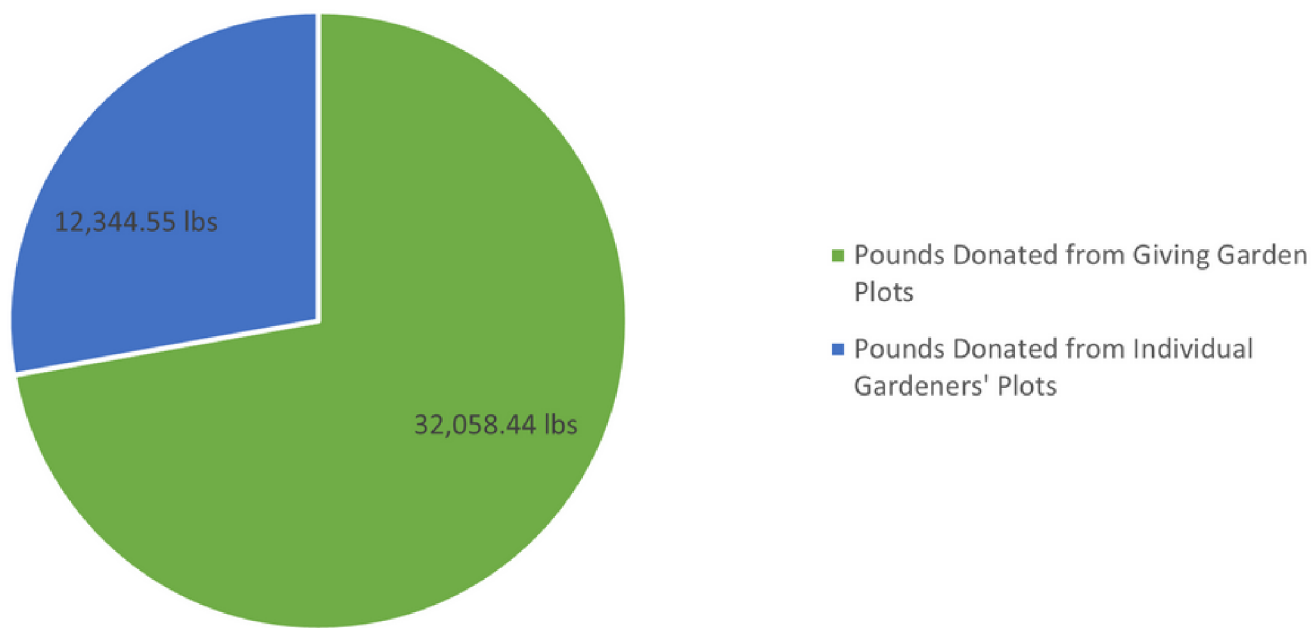


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Pounds Donated from Giving Garden Plots vs.
Individual Gardeners' Plots

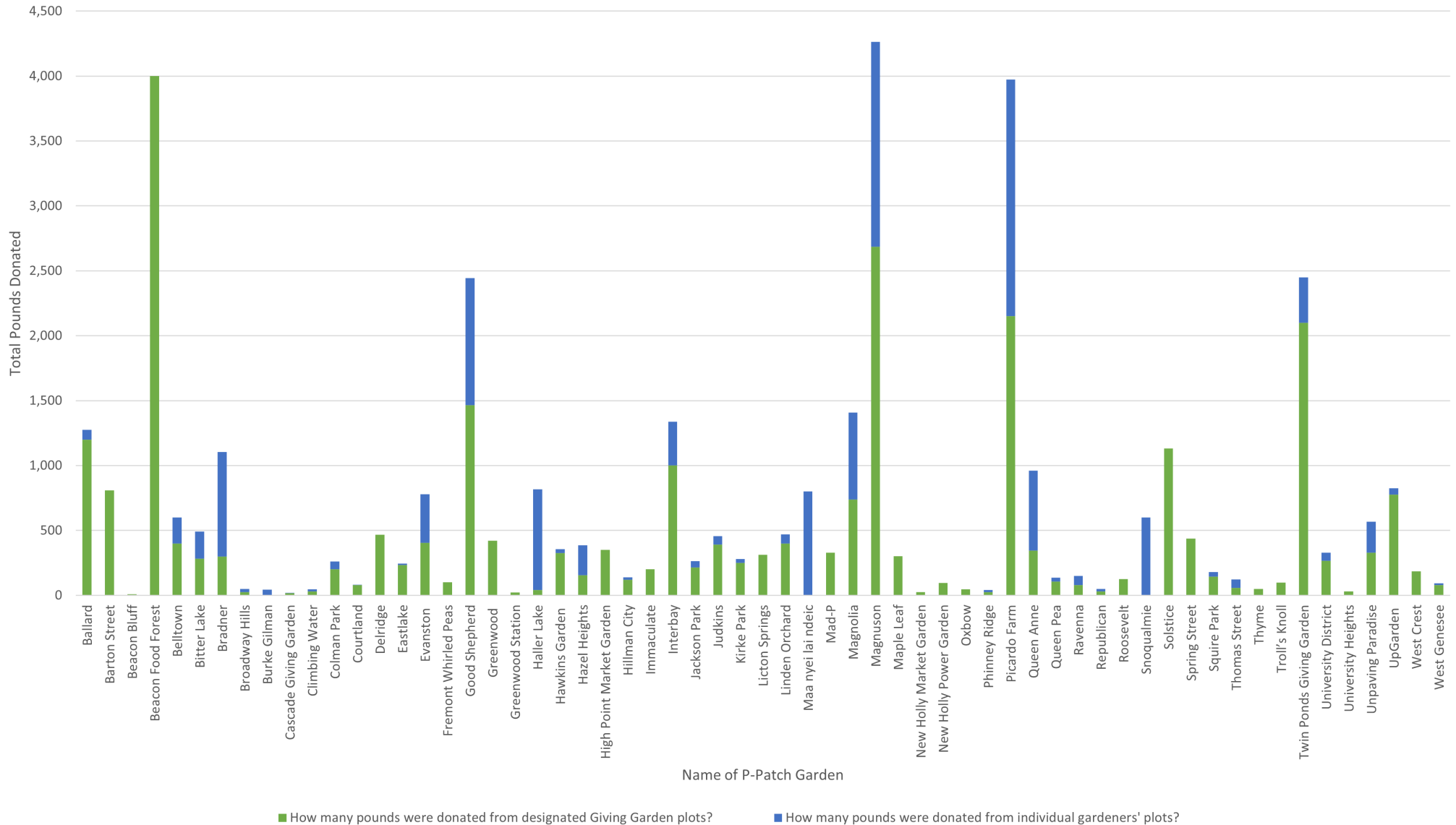


| <u>Donation Totals by Type</u> | <u>Total Pounds Donated</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Pounds Donated from Giving Garden Plots | 32,058.44 (72.20%) |
| Pounds Donated from Individual Gardeners' Plots | 12,344.55 (27.80%) |
| GRAND TOTAL | 44,402.99 (100%) |

BY THE NUMBERS

Pounds Donated from Giving Garden Plots vs. Individual Gardeners' Plots

In Pounds





Of the nearly 30,000 hours that community gardeners volunteered in their P-Patch and community, approximately 4,000 were dedicated to the Giving Garden!

**based on the "Giving Garden-Assist" Task Performed in the P-Patch Database.*

That amounts to nearly \$120,000 in labor.

**based off of the 2022 volunteer time valuation of \$30 an hour for the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program.*



WHERE P-PATCH GARDENERS DONATED

| <u>Locations Donated To</u> | <u>Number of P-Patch Gardens Donating</u> |
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| Ballard Food Bank | 11 |
| Bitter Lake Food Pantry | 1 |
| Byrd Barr | 4 |
| Capitol Hill Community Lunch | 2 |
| Centro de la rosa | 1 |
| Greenwood Senior Center | 1 |
| ICS Food Bank | 1 |
| Idris Mosque | 1 |
| Immanuel Community Services | 1 |
| Journey Christian Church | 1 |
| Lake City Food Bank | 2 |
| Magnuson Food Bank | 3 |
| North Helplink | 3 |
| Polack & Salvation Army | 1 |
| Queen Anne Food Bank | 2 |
| Rainier Valley Food Bank | 6 |
| Sand Point Transitional Housing | 1 |
| Seattle Jewish Family Services | 1 |
| Silvercrest HUD Retirement Community | 1 |
| Solid Ground | 1 |
| St. Mary's Food Bank | 8 |
| University District Food Bank | 9 |
| Wallingford Food Bank | 4 |
| West Seattle Food Bank | 3 |
| West Seattle Senior Center | 1 |
| White Center Food Bank | 5 |

SHARING THE HARVEST AND BUILDING A LEGACY

Community gardens are spaces where neighbors come together to grow community and plan, plant, and maintain a piece of open space. Serving as both a restorative space and a gathering space, P-Patch community gardens strengthen community networks through civic engagement, become a source of pride amongst neighbors, and serve as a visible product of land stewardship and neighborhood revitalization.

Since 1973, P-Patch community gardeners have been practicing organic gardening techniques, improving access to local, organic, and culturally appropriate food, developing self-reliance, and feeding the hungry. Giving back to the community through volunteer hours and by supplying fresh, organic, and locally grown produce to food banks and feeding programs across the City of Seattle has long been a priority of P-Patch community gardeners, in addition to a magnificent source of pride.

By nurturing green space, gathering and connecting with neighbors, and giving back to community, P-Patch community gardeners continue to demonstrate their resiliency and their dedication to building a future where each and every person in the City of Seattle is welcome and worthy. As 2023 approaches and the P-Patch Community Gardening Program celebrates its 50th year of existence, we invite our neighbors across the City of Seattle to join us and strengthen the P-Patch legacy.

- [Please click here](#) to read more about the 91 P-Patch gardens across the City of Seattle.
- [Please click here](#) to sign up for an interest list and get gardening with your community.
- [Please click here](#) to read about the P-Patch Community Gardening Program's commitment to Anti-Racism.



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