



ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Mission & Vision



WHO WE ARE

Sanctuary Farms is building a space for our community to easily spend time in nature, right in the city. And while we're at it, we're composting local food waste and growing fresh produce.



WHY WE ARE

We focus on closing the food loop by cultivating organic produce and creating nutritious compost. With these goals we want to foster a thriving community where people are safe, healthy and connected to their local environment and food.



Our Programs



Pollinator Garden Workshops

We hosted two workshops sponsored by the Detroit Zoological Society about the need for pollinator gardens in urban spaces. One was catered to Riverbend residents and the other for urban gardeners.

Bird Watching

Led by Rob Streit, we brought nature enthusiasts together to discover the diverse avian life thriving in urban green spaces. Participants honed their observational skills, fostering a deeper appreciation for the delicate balance between nature and the bustling cityscape.

CEND Event

As a member of Cooperative Economic Network of Detroit (CEND), we hosted their vibrant event. Uniting diverse cooperative businesses from across the city to showcase and sell their unique products.

Farm Tours

We've hosted over 10+ tours for organizations and schools interested educational around our gardening and composting efforts.





Food & Farm Figures



6,472

POUNDS OF
PRODUCE SOLD



50

POUNDS OF
PRODUCE DONATED

~347
PEOPLE
FED



16

LOTS CLEANED AND
CULTIVATED

20

TYPES OF VEGETABLES IN
PRODUCTION

50+

NATIVE SPECIES ONSITE

Organizational Growth



FOUR INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTORS

11
GRANTS
AWARDED

\$150K

IN GRANT AWARDED FUNDS

30+



EVENTS HOSTED ONSITE



IN THE MEDIA

[Morningside Detroit](#)

[Jefferson East Inc. Small Business Spotlight](#)

[Impakter](#) | [Food Deserts to Urban Oases](#)

[CBS Detroit](#) | [How Urban Farmers are Helping Food Insecure Neighbors](#)

[National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition](#) | [Farm Bill 2023](#)

[Planet Detroit](#) | [City-Owned Solar Farms](#)

[Channel 7 Detroit](#)



Sustainability Stats

370+

CUBIC YARDS OF FOOD
WASTE COLLECTED
AND PROCESSED

200

YARDS OF
COMPOST CREATED





Community Partnerships



RELATIONSHIPS WITH WHOLESALE BUYERS AND RETAIL OUTLETS

DTOWN FARMS • FEEDOM FREEDOM GROWERS • KEEP GROWING DETROIT • PINK FLAMINGO • CITY COMMONS • EASTERN MARKET • JEFFERSON CHALMERS FARMERS MARKET • BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

NEW INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

EASTERN MARKET • TASTE THE LOCAL DIFFERENCE • US FISH & WILDLIFE • DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY • USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE • UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S DETROIT NEIGHBORHOOD ENTREPRENEURS PROJECT • CITY OF DETROIT PUBLIC WORKS • ECOLOGY CENTER • COMMUNITY ACTION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS • COMMUNITY LAND TRUST • NORTH CENTRAL REGION SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FARMER RESEARCH GRANT • JUST AIR • WSU

FOOD WASTE DIVERSION RELATIONSHIPS

PLANTED • CO SUSTAINABILITY • MIDTOWN COMPOSTING • SCRAP SOILS • EASTERN MARKET • EAST WARREN CDC • JEFFERSON CHALMERS FARMERS MARKET • PALMER PARK FARMERS MARKET • FORD ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING • AGRICITY

SUPPORTER OF UPCOMING DETROIT SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

EQUAL GREEN • BANLAB • HONEY CHILE HIVES • LIVING PROOF ORGANICS • SACRED SPACES





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