

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, fruits, 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 signage, sustainability demonstrations, and children's gardens.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is managed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. As of December 2020, there are 90 P-Patch community gardens, 3,676 plots, and more than 3,500 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 through the dedication of gardeners and many organizations, such as:

- GROW
- Rainier Beach Action Coalition (RBAC)
- Seattle Giving Garden Network
- Black Farmers Collective
- Seattle Emergency Hubs
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Tilth Alliance
- City Fruit
- Alley Cat Acres
- Master Gardeners
- Marra Farm Coalition

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. Click on the [How to Sign Up](#) link for more.

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 can't afford plot fees.
- In addition to the annual fee, eight hours of volunteer time are required to maintain public areas of the P-Patch.

STRENGTHENING SEATTLE BY ACTIVELY ENGAGING ALL COMMUNITIES



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P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENS IN DEMAND

- 4754 people on Interest List (as of December 2020).
- Waiting time for individual gardens is between 0-6 months and 3-5 years.
- Annual turnover across entire program averages 14%.

PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS

One of our core values is supporting low-income and underrepresented populations. One example is the Market Garden Program. Low-income and immigrant families living in Seattle Housing Authority properties garden and sell their produce to local residents. In 2020, market gardens were closed due to COVID19. Our program instead partnered with City Fruit to host 8 pop-up events at Seattle Housing Authority P-Patches. We served over 750 families with over 2,000 pounds of vegetables donated from P-Patch Market gardeners.

The program also provides financial assistance. In 2020, total of 741 households from 73 P-Patch gardens received plot fee assistance, totaling \$51,998.00

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 42,951 pounds of produce in 2020.

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

