

GROW IS:

- A non-profit **advocate** for P-Patch Program
 - **A Land Trust:**
 - *Owns all or part of 6 P-Patches
Through Conservation Easements*
- An All Volunteer Board with one paid accountant
 - **A Fiscal Sponsor** to 45 P-Patches
& Community Gardens
- Provider of **liability insurance** for 89 P-Patches
 - **Contributing partial plot fees for low-income gardeners**
- Providing leadership training for volunteer site leaders
 - **Funded by donations - No City funding**

Department of Neighborhoods P-Patch Staff - Current Status -

- **Staff of 5 FTE manages 89 P-Patches across Seattle**
 - **Each staff person manages/administers 18 gardens and approximately 600 gardeners**
- **22 P-Patches with low income and English-as-a-second language gardeners**
 - *550 families require more hands-on assistance from staff*
 - *Many P-Patches have multiple languages spoken*
 - **Two-thirds of P-Patches have Site Leadership Teams who manage day-to-day activities at the gardens**
- **Current workload lengthens response time for service requests from Site Leadership Teams**
 - **Due to current staff workload, there is a moratorium on new garden development**
 - missed opportunities

P-Patch Statistics by District

District	# P-Patches	Acres	# Plot Holders	# Interest List	Wait Time Yr.	Volunteer Hours	Food Bank Donations	Housing Assistance
1	12	3.5	280	111	1.14	2,213	4,217	55%
2	23	9.25	603	82	1.04	6,389	5,205	66%
3	18	2.65	408	352	1.41	4,065	3,253.8	67%
4	11	8.29	688	288	1.54	9,841	9,665	44%
5	8	2.4	326	118	0.96	5,427	3,488	52%
6	10	1.7	264	188	2.27	4,997	3,323	37%
7	7	3.82	483	305	1.68	6,940	9,964.8	31%

Citywide Statistics

Total # of P-Patches **89**

of Registered Plot Holders **3,052**

on Interest List **1,444**

of Volunteer Hours in 2015 **39,872**

Pounds of Fresh Produce Donated to Food Banks **39,117**

P-Patches are about Building Community

- ❑ P-Patches are developed with **community involvement** from planning to construction, utilizing **volunteer labor** where possible / a hallmark of the program
 - Majority of P-Patches were built with DON grant monies and volunteer labor
- ❑ **P-Patches** are on land owned by **Parks, City Light, SPU, SDOT, Seattle Center, & DON**
 - 13 are on **Seattle Housing Authority** land
 - 10 are on **private or church property**
 - 6 are **Conservation Easements held by GROW**
- ❑ Oldest garden is **Picardo** built in 1973 & the “P” in the name stands for Picardo
- ❑ **DON staff** leveraged \$2.427 million from the 2008 Parks & Open Space Levy to create **28 new or expanded gardens** that provided **800 plots** for new gardeners
- ❑ **Seattle Park District** allocated \$200,000 annually for rebuild of aging infrastructure in older P-Patches that **excludes** gardens on **SHA, church/private and GROW** properties
 - SHA properties have the most vulnerable populations of gardeners who cannot write and administer grants to make improvements