

VINES Community Impacts and Growth

Community Gardens:

- VINES has 18 community gardens in the Greater Binghamton area, including Johnson City, Hillcrest, Dickinson, Endicott, Endwell and Vestal.
- 7 of the 18 community gardens have been built within the last 2 years.
- Each garden bed comes built and ready for planting with fertile soil and on-site water as well as access to compost, water and seeds.
- In 2020 VINES has 398 unique households utilizing garden beds. That's nearly 1,000 gardeners growing food for their families.



Grow Binghamton

- Over 100 City of Binghamton youth have been employed by VINES over the past 10 years.
- The number of youth employed for the season has doubled in the past five years, from 12 young people in 2015 to 25 in 2019.
- Grow Binghamton youth have opportunities to enhance their leadership skills by taking on higher level positions in subsequent seasons.



- Demand for Grow Binghamton is high - in 2019, GB received 160 applications for just 25 positions.

- Historically 95% of hired youth graduate the program and 75% or more youth experienced positive changes in diet and educational aspirations.



Farm Share

- Farm Share has grown from 35 participants in 2013 to over 200 participants annually.
- Nearly \$400,000 has been generated through Farm Share for the local agricultural sector.
- Local physicians are requesting Farm Share deliver directly to their offices for their patients, and are finding their own funding to do so.



Binghamton Urban Farm

- 7,500 pounds of produce, the equivalent of 72,800 servings, were harvested in 2020.
- Over a thousand Farm Shares were harvested and packed from the Urban Farm and distributed into the community in 2020.



Urban Farm April 2010



Urban Farm August 2020

Green Thumb Workshop Series

- In 2020, nearly 1,500 people from all over the country participated in 10 different workshops with local presenters.
- 94% reported Green Thumb workshops helped them to grow and prepare fresh food.
- 98% reported learning something new.



Build a Garden

- Launched in May 2020, last season 55 raised garden beds were built with lumber, and over 100 garden bags for container gardens were distributed.
- Gardeners in this program must attend an online introduction to gardening workshop session.



Garden Bags