



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Welcome to USDA's People's Garden

The simple act of planting a garden can have big impacts—from building a more resilient local food system to empowering communities to address issues like nutrition access and food affordability.

Join us at usda.gov/peoples-garden

You'll receive a sign to display, your garden will be listed on our website's interactive map, and we'll invite you to webinars and other sharing opportunities.

Check out our website to watch us grow! While there, you can view the map of our gardens, see photos on our Flickr account, and follow tips, tricks, and other stories.

Stay engaged with us on social media and share your story using [#peoplesgarden](https://twitter.com/peoplesgarden).



“The most valuable of all arts will be the art of deriving a comfortable subsistence from the smallest area of soil.”

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The Name Explained

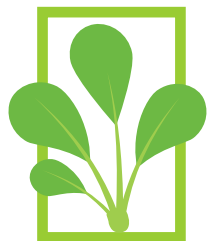
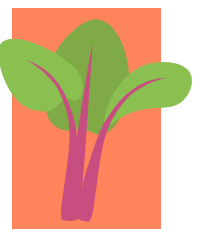
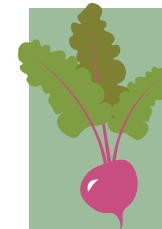
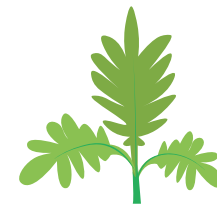


The People's Garden was named in honor of USDA's founder, President Abraham Lincoln, who described USDA as “The People's Department.” The first People's Garden at USDA headquarters was started on Lincoln's 200th birthday.

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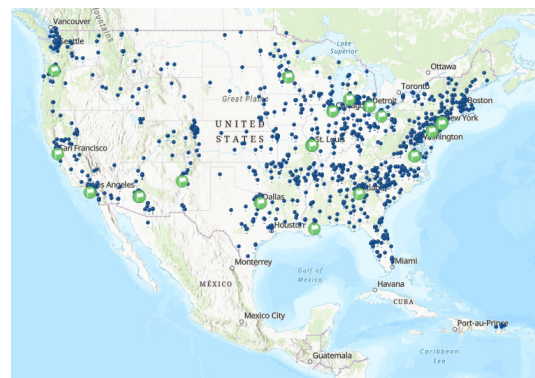
THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN



Join the People's Garden!

People's Gardens empower communities to grow healthy food in a sustainable way and teach about the benefits of local, resilient food systems. These gardens foster community collaboration, create jobs and green spaces, provide access to nutritious food, and benefit the environment.

People's Gardens are different sizes and types, and can include school gardens, community gardens, urban farms, and small-scale agriculture projects in rural and urban areas. They cannot be personal gardens located at private residences.



JOIN THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN COMMUNITY BY REGISTERING YOUR GARDEN NOW!

Your garden or farm location will be posted to the People's Garden interactive map and we'll send you a "People's Garden" sign to display.

Types of People's Gardens

People's Gardens can take many different forms:



FOOD GARDEN

Grow nutritious, local food in your own community that provides access to fresh fruits and vegetables and numerous health benefits. Don't forget to donate excess food to a local food pantry.



WILDLIFE HABITAT

Provide habitat for local pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.



BEAUTIFICATION

Nurture a green space that promotes healthy lifestyles and a place for families and community to gather.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Align garden activities to educational programs or use gardens for job training and apprenticeships in agriculture, nutrition, and the culinary arts.



Join the People's Garden community at usda.gov/peoples-garden.



Grow healthy food using sustainable practices that benefit people and wildlife.



Teach about local, resilient food systems.

All gardens located on Federal property will donate food to local communities.



Learn more about the People's Garden at usda.gov/peoples-garden and USDA assistance for urban farms and gardens at farmers.gov/urban and usda.gov/urban.