

CROSSING BARRIERS & GROWING OUR FOOTPRINT

Responding to the local impacts of climate change, urban heat and air pollution, Green Lents increased its footprint by engaging diverse community members on both sides of the I-205 freeway. Leaning into deeply-rooted community partnerships, we expanded hands-on environmental education and resource sharing opportunities, making our community a greener more resilient place.



POLLINATOR HABITATS, CANOPIES & GARDEN AID



This year, we hosted **7 garden swaps**, engaging **150+ households** with **350+ plants** and **100+ seed packets** exchanged, and **4 languages** supported.

We were busier than ever in planting and restoration projects with our **2 high-school interns**, local school and partners. Together, we converted **2,800 sq. ft.** of lawn and weeds into **7 pollinator gardens** - **3 west** of I-205 and **4 east**.

A highlight was the collaborative installation of a **1,100 sq. ft. "Butterfly Garden"** in front of Lent Elementary, home to the Spanish immersion program. It added **300 native pollinator-friendly plants**, and engaged over **250 community members**, including students, families, educators, summer interns and neighbors in the bilingual outreach and 2-phased preparation and installation hands-on learning and work events. This project will continue growing as an environmental education grounds for current and future students. The garden builds on the **"Green Wall"** project which began with **14 perimeter trees** around Lent Elementary for improved canopy and future impact on heat, air and noise pollution levels.



TOOL LIBRARY

The tool library reached record numbers across metrics and completed a one of a kind tool usage display designed with **100%** visual elements. We also improved navigation and embedded digital tool-use resources throughout, making it even easier for members of all skills and languages to find and rent free tools!



70+

Amazing
volunteers

750+

Volunteer
hours

10

Community Building
Events

2,780

Record setting
visits

9

Workshops
hosted

83+

New tools
donated

~118

Tools repaired
back to service

3,642+

Record
setting loans!



COMMUNITY ORCHARD

In spring 2023, the orchard stewards brought impactful changes to the food forest through Earth Day pollinator habitat restoration, adding **30 native plants**, planting **3 fruit trees**, partnering with **5 local nurseries and landscapers** and extending environmental hands-on learning to youth, partner organizations and community! On top of that, we hosted:

11 Work parties **65** Volunteers

14 Youth interns **450+** Hours of work & play for participants of all ages



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Our Latina Community Lead, **Angelica Cortes**, with Green Lents since **2018**, deepened Spanish language engagement across all programs. In the Pollinator Habitats program, Angelica worked with the households helping bring direct benefit to our Latino/a/e/x neighbors accounting for over **80% plantings**. Back at the Malden Court Community Orchard and Tool Library, Angelica shared her gardening expertise and hosted Spanish language community nights and workshops covering topics such as home energy efficiency, winterization and more. **Thank you, Angelica!**

THIS YEAR'S IMPACT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REMAINS OUR LARGEST ASSET AND MOVING FORCE TO DATE. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

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| Portland Nursery | ROSE CDC | Depave | Somali American Council of Oregon |
| Blueprint Earth LLC | Lents Youth Initiative | | Collins Foundation |
| Sparrowhawk Natives | PPS, Lent Elementary: | | Concordia Foundation |
| Twinflower Natives | Administration, Educators, | | Sweetgrass Foundation |
| Urban Village Designs LLC | PTA, Master Gardener | | OR Department of Fish & Wildlife |
| SymbiOp Garden Shop | Ash Creek Forest Management | | City of Portland, BES |
| Earth Day Oregon | Urban Forestry | | Community Watershed Stewardship Program |
| One Green World | University of Utah: Urban | | Metro Regional Government |
| Taqueria El Cazador | Environmentalism Students | | Portland Parks Foundation |
| El Rinconcito Yucateco | PDX Saints Love | | EPAP, Community Support Fund |
| El Pato Feliz | Sapling Maker Lab | | Oregon Community Foundation |
| Taqueria Rico Taco | Calvin Dobbs: DIY Workshops | | Ned and Sis Hayes Family Fund |
| Refuge Coffee House | Maben Hart: Mending Nights | | The Springwater Community |
| Lents Grown BA | Rhythm Seed Farm | | EMSWCD |
| Critical Creative | Repair PDX | Hot Salad Bicycles | |

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