

# 2015 Program Highlights



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COMMUNITY GARDEN

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The **Common Ground Program** is a community gardening and urban agriculture program created by the City of Lawrence in 2012. The Common Ground Program's goal is to transform vacant or under-utilized city properties into vibrant sites of healthy food production for our citizens.

In addition to increasing the availability of fresh, healthy produce in our city's neighborhoods, these gardens have impacts far beyond their boundaries. In exchange for receiving a free license for use of city property, each grower/applicant creates a Community Benefit Plan for their project.

The gardens and farms have resulted in over 5,200 lbs of produce donated to local food pantries, field trips for student groups, and community gardening class topics from compost to tree pruning.

# 2015 Program Accomplishments:

Number of gardens/farms: **10**

Number of gardeners/farmers: **186**

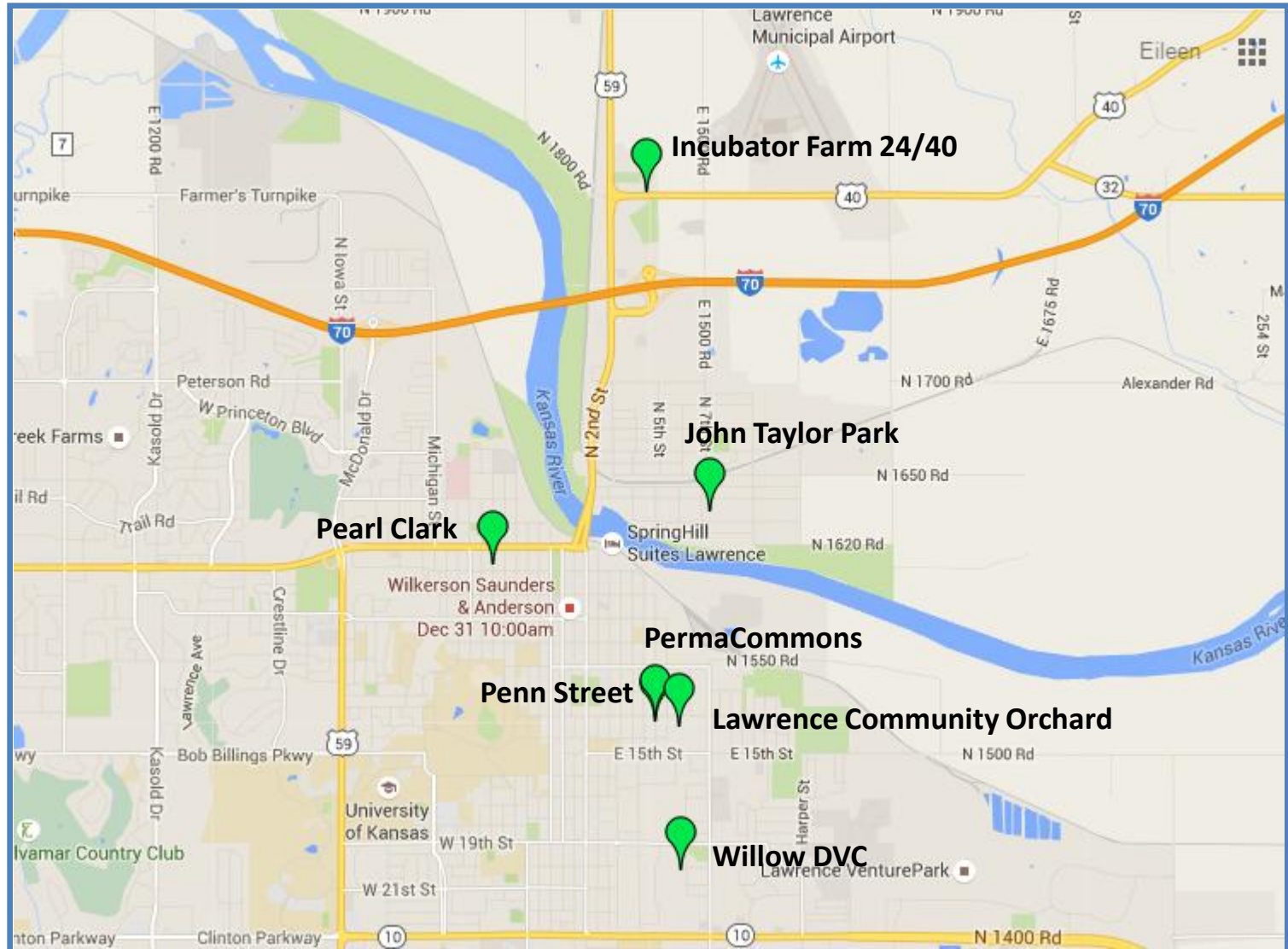
Number of community events/classes: **51**

Number of participants in events: **756**

Market value of produce sold: **\$54,300**

Pounds of produce donated: **1,900**

# Common Ground Program Sites:



# Community Partners:

- KU Alternative Breaks
- Baker U. Big Event
- KU Rugby Team
- Just Food
- Ballard Center
- Sunrise Project
- KU Super Service Saturday
- Lawrence Community Shelter
- Penn House
- Kaw Valley Seed Fair
- Lawrence Public Library
- Douglas County Community Foundation
- LMCMS Student Gardeners
- Bert Nash

# 2016 Common Ground Plans:

- **Expand Common Ground** by adding 2-3 new properties for lease.
- **Continue formation of a Common Ground “network”** to connect the gardeners and farmers with each other, and with resources and technical assistance.
- **Work with Douglas County Food Policy Council** to plan program’s next steps.