

2016 Program Highlights



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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.

The gardens and farms have resulted in over 6,500 lbs of produce donated to local food pantries, field trips for student groups, and community gardening class topics from compost to tree pruning.

Common Ground Program Sites:

New sites added in 2016 noted in green

Garden Incubator at John Taylor Park
(7th & Walnut)

PermaCommons
(1304 Pennsylvania St.)

Penn St. Community Garden
(1313 Pennsylvania St.)

Pearl Clark Community Garden
(639 Illinois St.)

Little Prairie Community Garden
(Peterson Rd. and N. Iowa St.)

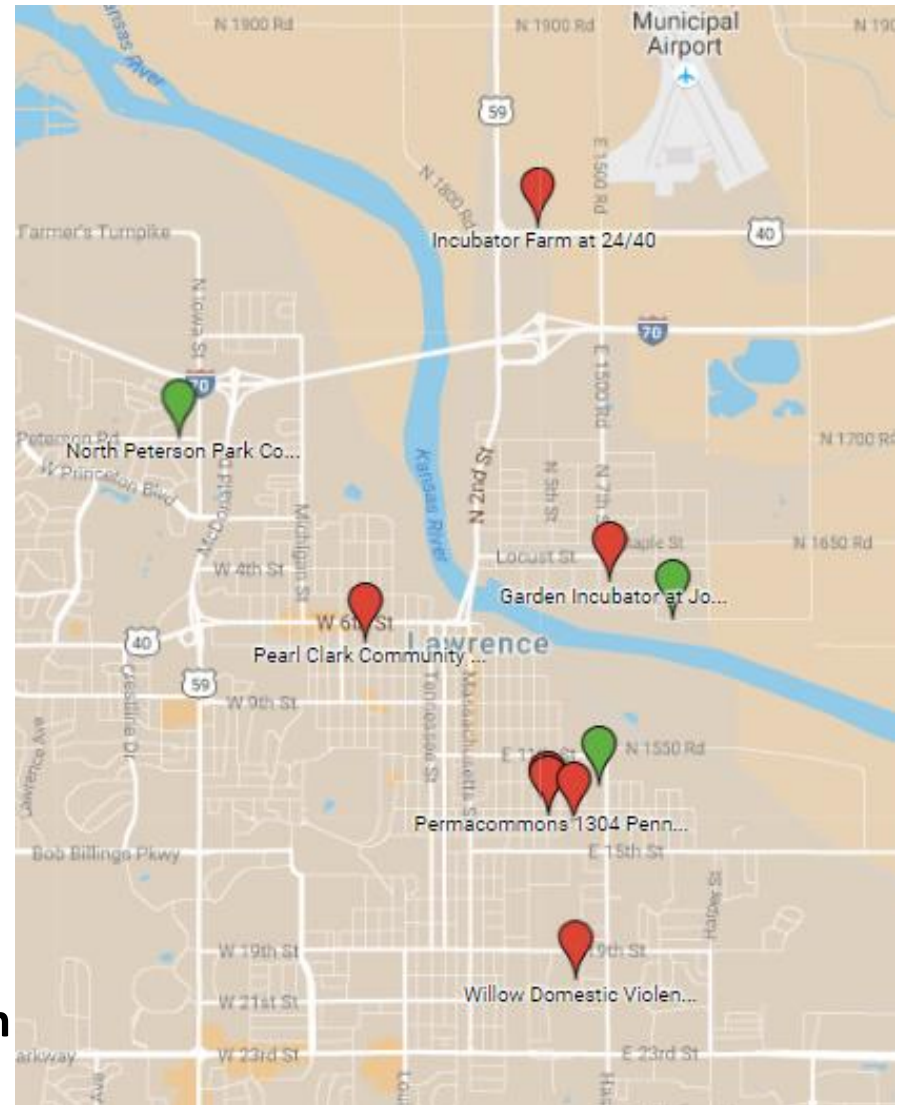
The Lawrence Community Orchard
(830 Garfield St.)

Oread Friends Garden/Farm
(1146 Oregon St)

Incubator Farm
(24/40 and 59)

Just Food Community Garden and Farm
(817 Oak St)

Willow Domestic Violence Center garden
(1920 Moodie)



2016 Program Accomplishments:

Number of gardens/farms: **10**

Number of gardeners/farmers: **203**

Number of community events and classes: **53**

Number of participants in events: **965**

Market value of produce sold: **\$64,200**

Pounds of produce donated: **1,350**

Community Partners:

- KU Big Event
- Summer of Service program
- KU Hillel
- Just Food
- Ballard Center
- Sunrise Project
- KU Super Service Saturday
- KU Sustainability Certificate Interns
- Cub Scouts
- Penn House
- Kaw Valley Seed Fair
- Lawrence Public Library
- Douglas County Community Foundation
- Growing Food, Growing Health (The Merc)
- GreenWish Lawrence
- ECM - KU

2017 Common Ground Plans:

- Identify new leadership for gardens with retiring managers.
- Continue to build the Incubator Farm program.
- Continue formation of a Common Ground “network” to connect the gardeners with each other, and with resources /technical assistance.
- Work with Douglas County Food Policy Council to plan program’s next steps.

