

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2018

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Sustainable Gardening

Lakewood Heritage Center Volunteer Gardeners



From plant to plate and back to plant, the Lakewood Heritage Center Volunteer Gardeners exemplify sustainable gardening. The volunteers maintain five flower and two vegetable gardens annually from March to November. Since 2015, no herbicides, fungicides or synthetic fertilizers have been used in any of the gardens—which means a lot of weekly hand weeding! In 2017, the vegetable gardeners grew produce to donate to the Action Center’s fresh food pantry. Over 124 pounds of surplus vegetables were delivered weekly to assist The Action Center in feeding our community.

At the end of the 2017 season, the gardeners collected all of the garden waste generated throughout the season from weeding, harvesting and cleaning the gardens. In total, the gardeners collected and composted 1,256 pounds of organic material that will be turned back into soil to support even more sustainable gardening.

Achievement Area

- Climate Change & Adaptation
- Zero Waste
- Community Cohesion & Public Health
- Natural Systems

