

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



2012

Community Sustainability Award

Farm Yard CSA

Urban Supported Agriculture



Farm Yard is Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) partnership. CSA's allow members to purchase shares of a farm's harvest which is distributed by the farm to the members each week throughout the growing season. Farm Yard is unique in that instead of a single location farm, produce is grown in eighteen urban and suburban yards by owners called shareholders. Each of the eighteen yards produce certified naturally grown heirloom vegetables and herbs grown without the use of herbicides or pesticides and watered by a carefully designed drip system.

Farm Yard's contribution to Lakewood's sustainability includes:

- Reduced greenhouse emissions since produce does not need to be transported long distances.
- Protection of ecology and biological diversity through the use of genetically diverse heirloom seeds and amended soils
- Waste reduction through composting
- Community engagement through volunteer opportunities, education, and social events.

Project Achievement Area

- Climate Change & Energy Conservation
- Preservation of Ecology & Biodiversity
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Community Health & Engagement
- Economic Sustainability

