

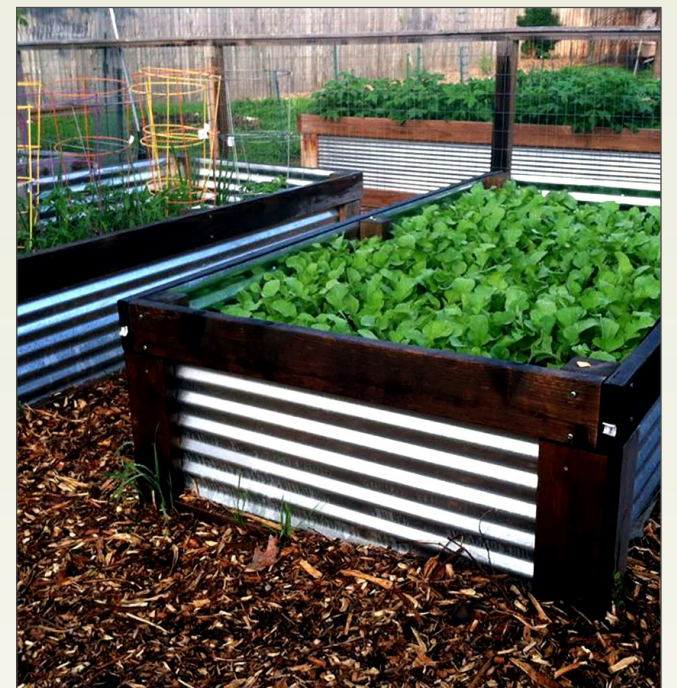
City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2016

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD Yard Partners Program

Micro Farms Colorado



A passion for nature, urban agriculture, and an entrepreneurial spirit came together to form Micro Farms Colorado. By taking underutilized space, such as lawns and backyards, and transforming them into vegetable gardens, Micro Farms' "Yard Partners Program" brings fresh, local food to the community, using food to connect people to nature.

The Micro Farms model uses biointensive, chemical free gardening practices to produce food that is sold in shares through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model to local residents and ultimately aspires to provide local produce for restaurants and farmers markets. Community members have the opportunity to be involved by becoming yard partners, purchasing CSA shares, and financially supporting the expansion of the local food mission.

Micro Farms, supports the goals of Lakewood's Sustainability Plan by increasing local food production, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and by contributing to a self-reliant local economy through the power of an entrepreneurial spirit and community support.



Achievement Areas

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

