

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2019

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Mountair Park Community Farm

Meg Caley & Sprout City Farms



Sprout City Farms, a nonprofit urban agriculture organization under the leadership of Meg Caley, has been a partner with the City of Lakewood since 2014 to operate Mountair Park Community Farm on previously underutilized parkland in a designated food desert in northeast Lakewood. On average, 10,000 pounds of food are produced each year at the farm, and Sprout City Farms works hard to distribute it within the surrounding community by working with local stakeholders to ensure the food is benefiting those who need it most.

The farm creates opportunities for healthy food access and education for neighborhood residents and families at nearby schools through workshops, events, weekly produce shares, and more. In 2019, in addition to hiring a new farm manager and continuing to increase production and operations, Sprout City Farms dedicated funds to hire a program coordinator who will work closely with the volunteer Community Advisory Committee to expand outreach and engagement and deepen relationships between the farm, local residents, and other stakeholders. Other community members can look to this project as an example of how to partner in creative ways to bring about positive and desired change in their own neighborhoods.

Achievement Areas

- Resilient Economy
- Community Cohesion & Public Health

