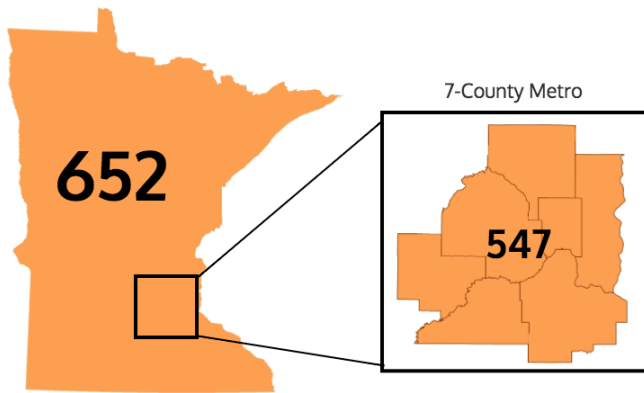




Community Gardening in MN

A Snapshot in 2015



Gardens by County:

- Hennepin- 320 (256 in Minneapolis)
- Ramsey- 157 (127 in St. Paul)
- Dakota- 40
- Anoka- 12
- Washington- 11
- Carver- 3
- Scott- 2
- Greater MN- 105

7-County Metro



Community gardens come in all shapes and sizes- individual plots or communally-run, five gardeners to over a thousand, at a home or a corporate lawn...

We define a community garden as: Any space that is gardened by a group of people to meet the needs of that group of people.

215 multilingual gardens 36 languages



Soil Testing in Gardens



- Have not tested
- Tested- ok
- Tested- contamination

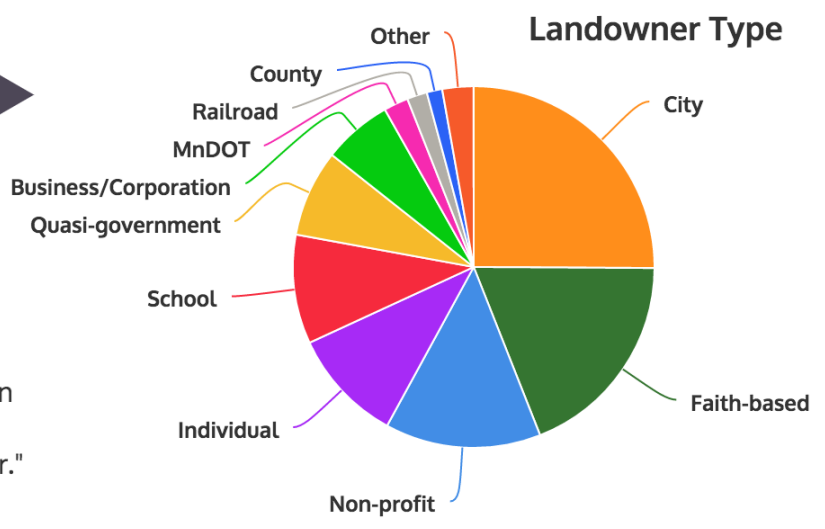
- 111+ use organic practices only
- 163+ grow in raised beds or containers
- 50+ have tall raised beds for wheelchair access



...distributed to gardens in 2015 by Gardening Matters

Variety of growing partners

- "We expanded the garden due to its success."
- Byron Community Garden
- "We have been consistently full for five years."
- Planting Seeds of Hope Community Garden
- "We doubled the amount of gardeners this year."
- Webster Park Garden



Demand remains high



We received 400 plot requests



Gardens fill without trouble



Gardens have waitlists

New gardens still being created



24 new gardens at public housing sites



New gardens starting up for 2016

Issues with land permanence persist



Wanna know more? Contact us!



All statistics and figures are based on our best knowledge from surveys or direct observation. We rely on self-reported information from garden coordinators through our Community Garden Survey for much of this data. As such, these responses may not be representative of all the gardens in Minnesota. Please encourage gardens near you to get in touch with us and share their successes, challenges, and garden practices so that we may continue to assess these trends and support gardens to be assets in their communities for years to come.



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