



# School Garden Project of Lane County. Lane County.



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## **Context.**

**School Garden Project is committed to a future in which all children become knowledgeable, healthy adults who understand the basics of growing food, can apply science principles to garden ecosystems, steward the natural world, eat fruits and vegetables, and contribute to a thriving community.**





## **The project.**

**School Garden Project is regarded as the primary resource in Lane County for educators seeking to establish garden learning programs. School Garden Project is the only nonprofit organization in the region that specializes in delivering comprehensive, school day, garden-based education.**





# Governance and Policy Making



**Education**  
**Community**

Each year, School Garden Project provides direct, hands-on science education to local schools and connects volunteer teams with the schools in their community where help is needed the most. This year they have partnered with 19 schools.



# Activism and Civic Participation



**Inclusion**

School Garden Project of Lane County values equity, diversity, and inclusion and is committed to cultivating and embracing these concepts within our organization by providing adaptive resources and support for individuals of all backgrounds and learning needs.



# Social Interactions and Relations



**Diversity**

**Respect**

Their commitment to diversity promotes creativity and innovation, builds an environment in which everyone feels respect and acceptance, and increases our ability to serve the community.



# City and Environmental Planning



**Educational Gardens**

**Support Service**

Through their support services, they help schools and other organizations build new educational gardens and sustain existing gardens with supplies, training and consultation. They provide seeds, starts, garden education and design consultation annually to over 40 schools and nonprofits in Lane County and beyond.



# Production, Distribution and Consumption



**Food Production**

**Fresh**

This project leads sessions that integrate hands-on science lessons with practical food production skills while increasing access and exposure to fresh fruits and vegetables.



# Skill Training and Design Education



**Garden-base learning**

**Professional Development**

**School Program**

Through their in-school program, they partner with schools in three districts to provide specialized instruction in garden-based learning. They deliver workshops, tours, and professional development to local parents, teachers, garden educators and other community members both locally and at the state level.



# Job Creation



**Volunteers**  
**Internships**

This project has several opportunities for people to get involved, such as volunteer educators that learn to assist and lead science based garden education sessions at local schools; Internships that will help Interns to prepare for working with students in primary school through providing hands on experience in outdoor education. Also they work with businesses across Lane County to provide opportunities for employee teams and individuals to work with their programs.



# Storytelling and Visualisation



## 2000-2001

School Garden Project of Lane County (SGP) was founded in 2001 by Emily Dietzman and Colby Eiermann. In the fall of 2000, Colby and Ann Bettman led a school garden focus team at the University of Oregon's Urban Farm which formed connections with 8 Eugene area schools interested in starting gardens. From January to March of 2001, Colby and Emily co-taught a School Garden Seminar for UO's Department of Landscape Architecture. As part of the School Garden Seminars and the Urban Farm focus teams, UO students designed, and in some cases, constructed gardens in local schools. SGP evolved as an organization to support the school gardens that had been started or planned during these classes. In the beginning, the boundaries between work completed as part of a UO class and that of SGP were not clear, and a lot of the work was credited to both SGP and the UO Department of Landscape Architecture. In 2001, SGP worked with Meadow View School, Goshen Community Schools, and the Churchill Community Garden (Churchill HS and Kennedy MS). Before SGP achieved its own nonprofit status, it functioned under the umbrella of the Lane County Food Coalition (LCFC).



## 2002-2003

On Feb 7, 2002, School Garden Project (SGP) filed Articles of Incorporation as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Oregon. Emily Dietzman, Megan Kemple, Stephan Meyer, and Jen Anonina were the incorporators. In the spring of 2002, SGP sent an email survey to all Lane County teachers asking about their school gardens and received replies from 70. Clear Lake Elementary, River Road Elementary, Madison Middle School, Village School, and Head Start of Lane County gardens were started with SGP's support in the spring of 2002. In April 2002, SGP published our first newsletter. In May 2002, the first Benefit Celebration was held at the UO Urban Farm. SGP later held a Harvest Festival at River Road Elementary School in October.



## 2003-2004

On March 27, 2003, School Garden Project (SGP) was granted 501(c)(3) nonprofit status by the IRS. By March, SGP was working with South Eugene High School, Gilham Elementary School, Oakhill Elementary School, Waltenville Elementary School, Outdoor High School, the North Eugene HS Greenhouse, and the Eugene Waldorf School, in addition to those listed in 2001-2002. In May 2003, the second Benefit Celebration was held at the UO Urban Farm.



School Garden Project tells their vision and mission through their website and pictures, using also a timeline of their story and how everything began.

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