

» Chicago Community Gardeners Association



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Chicago Community Gardeners Association (CCGA) is dedicated to supporting and promoting community gardening in the Chicago area. CCGA's goal is to provide resources, advocacy, education, and networking opportunities for community gardeners in order to foster healthy, sustainable, and equitable gardens throughout the City.

Our city is home to hundreds of community gardens, and CCGA has created a network of gardeners that is truly gardener-designed and gardener-led, to ensure the sustainability and vibrancy of these gardens for years to come. The CCGA is comprised of several all-volunteer working groups that work collaboratively to achieve the organization's goals, which include hosting educational events, organizing plant distributions, developing and maintaining shared resources, advocacy, and facilitating communication and networking among gardeners. CCGA welcomes people of all ages with a range of interests and experience and is committed to creating a space where each voice and perspective is appreciated and heard.

The CCGA network of gardeners includes community gardeners, school gardeners, home and parkway gardeners, and garden supporters and organizations from every corner of Chicago. It is the heart of CCGA and CCGA strives to create a safe and supportive space for gardeners to share resources, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.



## Our Working Groups

- **Resources & Distributions:** cultivates seedlings and oversees plant distributions throughout the year. Distributes plants to over 130 gardens, on average, including thousands of annuals, perennials, vegetables, flowers, and bulbs.
- **Education:** develops educational events and workshops that cover a wide range of gardening and useful topics and oversees the annual Gardeners Conference as well as the Legacy Gardeners Project.
- **Advocacy & Outreach:** works to support community gardens in a broader sense and focuses on a variety of issues, including developing and securing resources, increasing access to safe water and healthy soil, and addressing city-wide policy issues that affect community gardens.
- **Communications:** manages information sharing for CCGA including the website, social media platforms, newsletters, and coordinating virtual educational events with a goal to help to foster a sense of community among gardeners and amplify the work of Chicago's many community gardeners.