

## Groundwork USA Network Accomplishments in 2017

### Project/Program Mix

Total number of projects worked on	562
planning and design	141
construction and implementation	135
natural resource conservation	148
community planning initiatives	138
Total number of programs delivered (e.g. youth, school and community education, food and nutrition, community gardens, urban forestry, workforce development, civic engagement, climate change, stewardship, stormwater reduction)	143

### Physical Improvements (total number)

Trees planted	2,129
Bulbs, perennials, flats of flowers & vegetables planted	8,501
Large amenities installed (e.g. benches, playgrounds, raised beds, rain g'dens)	413
Small amenities installed (e.g. flower boxes, signs, trash cans, recycling bins)	279
Acres of brownfields/derelict land physically improved	85
Acres of open space/parkland improved/maintained/assessed	2,288
Miles of sidewalk, paths, trails improved/maintained/assessed	78
Sites cleaned up (one time)/maintained (regularly)	407/364
Tons of trash/debris cleaned up	125
Feet of riparian habitat cleaned up, conserved or restored	680,784

### Integrating the Economy and the Environment

Total number of businesses involved	589
Number of jobs provided (full, part time, interns, seasonal)	511
Weeks of environmental and green job training (1 trainee for 40 hours = 1 week, 3 students for 20 hours each = 1.5 weeks)	2,287
Number of youth participating in leadership/skills training	868

### Benefits to Climate Protection

Tons of CO2 sequestered or reduced through projects and programs	2,469
Miles walked/biked/on public transport instead of driven	21,943

### Access to Healthy Food

Number of community garden beds provided/maintained	438/ 2,293
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### Community Involvement and Education

Number of youth (<18 yrs) engaged in volunteer activities	5,973
Number of adults (>18 yrs) engaged in volunteer activities	6,017
Total volunteer hours	52,619
Number of schools involved	203
Number of students involved in environmental education	17,458
Number of community events	458
Number of people engaged at events	35,823
New partnerships established / # Partners engaged in work	212/ 828

### Leveraging Resources

Public sector funding (federal, state, local)	\$7.4 million
Private sector funding (business, foundations, civic, private)	\$6.0 million
Value of donated goods/services (not volunteer time)	\$650,567

### Groundwork Network's Highlighted (Proudest) Achievements

**Atlanta, GA:** Implemented the AGLanta "Grows-A-Lot" urban ag program in partnership with the City of Atlanta, Georgia Power Electric Company, and Fulton County Soil Water Conservation District

**Yonkers, NY:** Developed and implemented our first-ever climate change curriculum program for Yonkers public high school students, funded by NOAA's Environmental Literacy Program, one of only six grants awarded nationwide

**Lawrence, MA:** Increased number of runners in the Greenway 5K by 100%; increased Farmers Market SNAP (food stamps) sales by 1500%, continued to change the narrative around who has access to healthy living in Lawrence

**Milwaukee, WI:** During Groundwork Milwaukee's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, created 112 community gardens and 1124 garden beds and served over 1000 families

**Somerville, MA:** Hired three mentor farmers to teach Green Team members to grow culturally relevant food and act as leaders and role models from our city's immigrant communities