

Groundwork USA Network Accomplishments in 2018

Project/Program Mix

Total number of projects	660
planning and design	216
construction and implementation	159
natural resource conservation	161
community planning initiatives	124
Total number of programs (e.g., youth, school and community education, food and nutrition, community gardens, urban forestry, workforce development, civic engagement, climate change, stewardship, stormwater reduction)	159

Physical Improvements (total number)

Trees planted	14,058
Bulbs, perennials, flats of flowers & vegetables planted	13,333
Large amenities installed (e.g. benches, playgrounds, raised beds, rain gardens)	281
Small amenities installed (e.g. flower boxes, signs, trash cans, recycling bins)	283
Acres of brownfields/derelect land physically improved	116
Acres of open space/parkland improved	2,355
Miles of sidewalk, paths, trails built or improved	109
Sites cleaned up (one time)/maintained (regularly)	320/408
Tons of trash/debris cleaned up	133
Feet of riparian habitat cleaned up, conserved, or restored	683,235

Integrating the Economy and the Environment

Total number of businesses involved	1,034
Number of jobs provided (full- and part-time, interns, seasonal)	632
Weeks of environmental and green job training (1 trainee for 40 hours = 1 week, 3 students for 20 hours each = 1.5 weeks)	2,841
Number of youth participating in leadership/skills training	1,289

Climate Protection

Tons of CO2 sequestered through projects and programs	12,753
Miles walked/biked/on public transport instead of driven	25,803

Access to Healthy Food

Number of community garden beds provided/maintained	435/ 2,415
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Community Involvement and Education

Number of youth (<18 yrs) engaged in volunteer activities	5,859
Number of adults (>18 yrs) engaged in volunteer activities	9,737
Total volunteer hours	114,505
Number of schools involved	166
Number of students involved in environmental education	19,367
Number of community events	1,263
Number of people engaged at events	37,348
New partnerships established / # partners engaged in work	204/ 832

Leveraging Resources

Public sector funding (federal, state, local)	\$7.7 million
Private sector funding (business, foundations, civic, private)	\$6.5 million
Value of donated goods/services (not volunteer time)	\$802,324

Groundwork USA Network's Highlighted Achievements

Elizabeth, NJ: Led planning, design, construction, and community engagement, in partnership with the City of Elizabeth and Elmora Library, on one of the country's only MicroFarms sited on public land in a diverse, urban area

Yonkers, NY: Broke ground on the Yonkers Greenway Park and Playground, the culmination of 10 years of engaging community, government, nonprofit, and business stakeholders and securing funding

Lawrence, MA: Assumed a leadership role, supporting and working alongside community members to demonstrate Lawrence's resiliency in the aftermath of the devastating Merrimack Valley gas explosions

Jacksonville, FL: Completed the Emerald Trail Master Plan to equitably build over 19 miles of new trails, greenways, and parks to circle Jacksonville's urban core and link historic neighborhoods and downtown

San Diego, CA: Completed a master plan to create the Chollas EcoVillage, one of the first climate-ready, zero net energy neighborhoods in California

Richmond, VA: Green Team designed and constructed the Manchester Climbing Wall Walkway, to improve the built environment of the James River Park System while broaden access to outdoor recreation for all Richmond youth