

Healthy Food Strong Community

Investing in People & the Land

Hope Community (Hope) and Land Stewardship Project (LSP) began an innovative partnership in 2009, joining forces around the shared missions of place-based grass-roots organizing, and an ethic of responsible stewardship for the development and preservation of land. Together, they bring over 65 years of experience to the “Healthy Food and Strong Community” initiative.

LSP and Hope came together around common values of racial and economic equity, and have developed a year-round food program that began with just a few people and has grown to include more than 100 youth and adults in the community.

In 2014, Hope, and their development partner, Aeon, will break ground on a new mixed-income housing development that will include 120 high-quality apartment homes, with a percentage serving formerly homeless adults and families. The site will host a new, 4,800-sq ft urban agriculture space for residents and community members. This space will be designed in collaboration with LSP members, the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate, and a strong team of dedicated community leaders, who currently farm two urban agriculture spaces on land owned by Hope.



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A History of Growing Change

Together, Hope and LSP have achieved remarkable results around growing food and community capacity

- Engagement

Over 400 residents, community members, and children have been involved in programming around food at Hope year-round.

- Infrastructure

Two urban agriculture spaces have been developed and maintained by community members and interns. Hope and LSP have secured resources to begin development of a 4,800 sq. ft. agriculture space.

- Leader Development

Hope and LSP have supported 6 community internships; 10 emerging leaders are involved in program development and long-term engagement strategies.

- Strong Partnerships

Developed a growing network of community partners to support and expand the work.

- Community Change

Community members teach each other skills from cooking to gardening to wellness classes. Hope and LSP have created a community environment that encourages learning, sharing, and healthy living.



Hope Community Gardener and Emerging Leader
Sherry leads cooking and wellness classes

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