





Maine Foodscapes Mission & Values

We are a federally incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2018 with a **mission to improve community food security and well-being throughout Southern Maine**. We build raised-bed vegetable gardens throughout Cumberland, York, Oxford, & Androscoggin counties, in partnership with families and community social service organizations. We value equity and inclusion and envision a world where everyone has a seat at the table and access to healthy, nourishing food.

Maine Foodscapes believes that:

- *Resources and knowledge are power*
- *Rich local food systems improve human and environmental health*
- *Intergenerational and intercultural connections & collaboration create strong, just, self-determined communities.*





Foodscapes Program Areas

The Foodscapes Garden Project (FGP)

- The Foodscapes Garden Project (FGP) connects Mainers experiencing low income to the resources needed to start growing their own food. We build vegetable gardens throughout Cumberland, York, Oxford, & Androscoggin counties in partnership with families and community organizations (e.g., social service nonprofits, affordable housing communities, schools, assisted living homes, recovery homes). Since 2018, Maine Foodscapes has installed over 350 raised vegetable garden beds across 51 towns, serving over 400 individuals & utilizing over 800 hours of volunteer support.

Garden-Based Educational Programming

- We also partner with organizations such as recovery homes, affordable housing communities, and nonprofits like the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine to offer educational and therapeutic programming in garden-based settings for youth, adults, and seniors. We are working to expand this type of programming in the coming years!

Cooking, Wellness, & Gardening Workshops

- Maine Foodscapes hosts a variety of cooking, gardening, and wellness classes at local venues throughout the year, in garden-based settings and at the Fork Food Lab. We love working with local leaders and hosting various skill-sharing opportunities for all community members to get involved in hands on learning.

Giving Gardens: Installation & Maintenance Services

- Maine Foodscapes also offers residential and community garden installation services + ongoing garden support. We prioritize compost, seeds and seedlings distribution in the communities we serve. We encourage Mainers to buy our gardening services through our "'Buy-a-Garden, Give-a-Garden" program over our competitors because all proceeds go toward serving limited income community members throughout Southern Maine!





FGP Impact Data



121 households served

407 individuals served



300+ yards compost blend distributed

2400+ veggie seedlings distributed

1200+ seed packets distributed



350+ raised garden beds installed
**each FGP Gardener receives up to three 4'x8' beds*

10 community gardens built



800+ volunteer hours

20+ garden mentor-mentee pairs

40+ educational workshops hosted





Ways To Get Involved



Opportunities for Businesses & Nonprofits

- Group Volunteering
- Event Collaboration
- % of Sales Nights or Events
- Cross promotion
- Materials & Provisions Donations
- One-time cash or check Donations

Opportunities for Individuals

- Fundraising
- Social Media
- Event Planners
- Community Educators
- Garden Builders
- Garden Mentors

Learn more online @ www.mainefoodscapes.org/volunteer, or email volunteer@mainefoodscapes.org!

Ongoing Material Needs: Hardware, Twine, Seeds, Seedlings, Soil, Lumber, Garden Build Tools

Support Maine Foodscapes' work building gardens! In-kind material donations make our work and cost so much lighter!



Gardener Jessica, Portland, ME



Gardener Torrie, South Berwick, ME



Gardener Amber, Harrison, ME

Foodscapes gardens provide an additional source of food, but they also create community. FGP Gardeners have expressed joy in having food to share with their families, neighbors, and even with food security initiatives/organizations that support them (e.g. having garden abundance to share with their local food pantry). Through new raised garden beds, many have expressed an added sense of agency and sense of connection with their children, neighbors, friends/family, and mentors! Ultimately, through Foodscapes programming, and participant engagement, we are together creating more resilient communities of which we are proud to be a part!

