



The Master Gardener Program in Milwaukee County started in 1977. Over 1,684 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 239 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. UW-Extension Consumer Horticulture Agent Sharon Morrissey facilitates the Program.

Project Wins National Excellence Award

The Lifelong Gardening Committee of the Southeast Wisconsin MGA was recognized at the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference in Portland, Oregon in July, with their submission *Gardening Through Life* earning 1st place in the Special Needs Category. For over seven years MGVs have provided education on principles and methods that enable gardeners to enjoy gardening throughout their lifetime. The curriculum was developed into a clear and concise program that can be shared with other MG programs nation-wide.

Native Wellness Garden Program Teaches Children

During a six week program MGVs taught children from preschool to teenagers at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center about gardening by seeding two 3-foot high raised beds and monitoring weather conditions for growing conditions. The kids planted ten different vegetables, watered, weeded and then harvested the crop for the elders of their community. The children learned about seed germination, composting, soil testing, pollinators and what types of food grow in Wisconsin.

School Focused on Green Space

Maryland Avenue School is a Montessori school K3-8 with 320 students. The school's goal to convert asphalt to green space started in 2005 when a butterfly garden was installed. Much more asphalt has been removed since 2005, and the school grounds have become an urban sanctuary with trees, shrubs, and native perennials. The school boasts a rain garden, butterfly garden, cottage garden, bioswale, and a tree alley.

The Master Gardener Program in Milwaukee County

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Volunteer Service in 2017

Youth Ed	2,338	hours
Adult Ed	8,787	hours
Support	5,168	hours
Total	16,293	hours
Value*	\$375,717	

Since 2000: 200,048 hours at a value of over \$3,774,162

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$23.06 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Milwaukee Co.

- CMH Healing Garden
- Boerner Botanical Garden
- Fox 6 TV Green Thumb Garden
- Kneeland-Walker House
- Milwaukee County Zoo Gardens
- Ronald McDonald House
- State Fair Park Model Backyard
- North Point Lighthouse garden

