

Master Gardener Program

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Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County

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The Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County started in 1998. Over 610 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 251 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019. It operates in conjunction with [Milwaukee County](#).



In 2018, Waukesha County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 15046.5 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$361,116.

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$24.69 per hour, from Independent Sector.

Featured Projects

Educate Hospital Visitors with Display Garden

Waukesha County Master Gardener Volunteers managed a demonstration garden at ProHealth Care Waukesha Memorial Hospital (WMH) and donated over 1,709.5 pounds of vegetables to a local food pantry. In addition, 183 people attended one or more of the free gardening presentations provided each month (May through October) by MGVs.



Maintain Garden at Historic Tourist Destination

Waukesha County Master Gardener Volunteers maintain several garden spaces at Dousmann Stagecoach Inn, a 2-acre Brookfield park featuring a 1900's historic home maintained by the Elmbrook Historical Society. MGVs provided maintenance in a number of garden areas and removed invasive plant species from the property. This summer MGVs staffed a table to talk with attendees and answered questions at the 175th celebration of Dousman Stagecoach Inn. The Elm Grove mayor, other notaries, Elmbrook Historical Society members and the public attended. Dousmann Stagecoach Inn is listed by TripAdvisor as #4 of 9 things to do in Brookfield.

Maintain Garden at Civic Center

MGVs planted and maintained two garden areas at the Sussex Civic Center. One is a vegetable garden modeled off the Victory Gardens from World War II, and MGVs were able to donate over 280 pounds of veggies to a local food pantry. The other garden is a pollinator garden and is filled with native plants. Both garden areas were featured in the Fall 2018 Village of Sussex newsletter that is sent to over 12,000 residents

The gardens get many visitors since they are located at the entrance of the Sussex Civic Center which is home to many village services and activities including the senior center and food pantry. Educational brochures are readily available to visitors.

Provide Education at Plant Sale

MGVs provided education to over 875 customer at the annual SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Plant Sale at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds. MGVs provided information on a variety of topics including plant selection and maintenance, insect and disease pests, and more. One participant was overheard saying, "it was worth it to stand in the sale line at 6:30am, because MGVs can actually give me plant answers I trust. They aren't going to try to sell me the wrong plants just to make money."



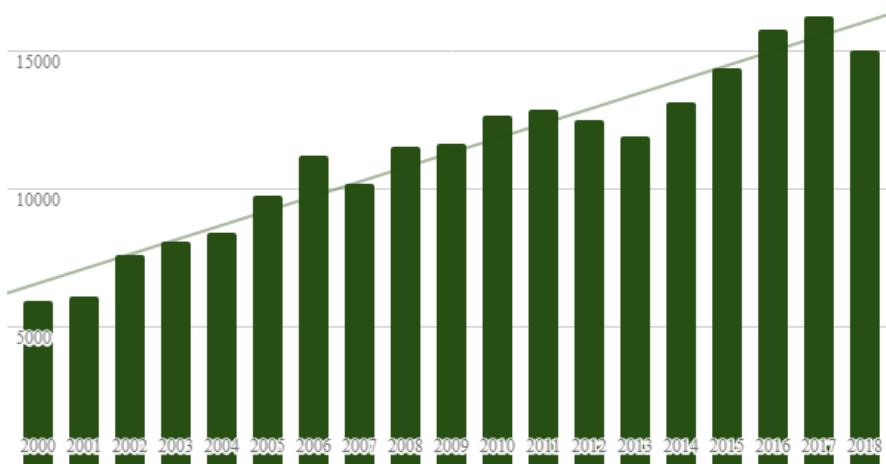
Where you can find activities by MGVs

- Dousman Stagecoach Inn
- Eble Park Flower and Vegetable Garden
- Green Power Garden
- St James Community Garden
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital Garden
- Ten Chimneys Historic Site
- Sussex Civic Center Garden
- Wilson Center Strohmaier Garden



By the Numbers

Volunteer Hours



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The Master Gardener Program in Waupaca County started in 1994. Over 191 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 23 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

In 2018, Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 1269.5 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$30,468.

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Master Gardener Program in Washington County



The Master Gardener Program in Washington County started in 2009. Over 196 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 43 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

In 2018, Washington County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 3607 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$86,568.

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