

Our History

Lynchburg Grows was formed as a not-for-profit corporation in 2003 in response to a Lynchburg News & Advance story involving a local man living at the Longwood Group Home. Paul Lam, an individual living with mental retardation, had witnessed the destruction of the garden he had lovingly cared for due to a communication error. The founding members of Lynchburg Grows came together to help build a new garden for Paul, but their aspirations quickly expanded. The mission of Lynchburg Grows became to help all disadvantaged persons enjoy the healthy benefits of gardening and have access to such spaces.

Lynchburg Grows is responding to critical community issues by creating nutrition and food systems programming for elementary school children, implementing a vocational training program for disabled and low-income individuals, and organizing workshops for anyone interested in increasing their gardening efforts. Lynchburg Grows is partnering with numerous local organizations to demonstrate the importance of sustainable, local agriculture and healthy living.

The **H.R. Schenkel Urban Farm and Environmental Education Center** consists of nine historic greenhouses, a root cellar, a farmhouse, an outdoor classroom and a production center. The administrative building holds classes and workshops for children and adults throughout the year.



Directions

Lynchburg, Virginia is located on Route 29 about 60 miles south of Charlottesville and 183 miles from Washington, DC. The city is also located on Route 460 about 55 miles east of Roanoke and 50 miles west of Farmville.

We are located one block south of Lynchburg City Stadium at 1339 Englewood St. Drive to the end of the road; the office is located in the concrete building to the right. Off Route 29, take the Stadium Exit. Follow the signs for the stadium and continue on Wythe Rd. to Fort Ave. Turn south on Fort Ave. to Englewood St.

Some historic sites to visit in this 18th century city are Point of Honor, the city's Riverfront, Old City Cemetery, and the Farmer's Market. Nearby are Jefferson's Poplar Forest and the D-Day Memorial.

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CHANGING LIVES
ONE GARDEN AT A TIME



Please call to arrange a tour!

*6.5 Acres Urban Farm with
2 Acres Under Glass*

1339 Englewood St., Lynchburg, VA 24501,
one street south of Lynchburg City Stadium.

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LYNCHBURG GROWS Partners

Lynchburg Grows partners with a number of local organizations that are joining together to make Lynchburg a better place for everyone. Some of these organizations are:

- ✓ Camp Kum-Ba-Yah
- ✓ Daily Bread
- ✓ DePaul Family Services
- ✓ Growing Power, Inc.
- ✓ Jubilee Family Center
- ✓ Junior League of Lynchburg (JLL)
- ✓ Lynchburg Center for Independent Living
- ✓ Lynchburg City Department of Parks and Recreation
- ✓ Lynchburg City Schools
- ✓ Lynchburg College Bonners Program
- ✓ Lynchburg College Center for Community Development and Social Justice (CCDSJ)
- ✓ Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney Community Court Program



Since 2004, more than 2,400 community volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours to clear out dead rose plants and install growing systems for vegetables in 40,000 square feet of greenhouses. Over 8,000 lbs. of fresh vegetables produce have been donated to a local food pantry and an equal amount sold to restaurants and sold at the local farmer's market by disabled volunteers.

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Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

CSA is a system in which customers support a local farm by paying in advance for agricultural products. Throughout the growing season, CSA members receive a portion of the farm's harvest each week. Members share the financial risks and the bounty of the harvest. In the first years, we will have to supplement our Lynchburg Grows produce with purchased wholesale organic produce. This will allow us to offer additional fruits and cooking vegetables for each share to approximate what a family would eat weekly.

Lynchburg Grows is pleased to be a part of this effort to bring wholesome, locally grown, chemical-free food to your table. Contact us, or visit our web site, for more information.