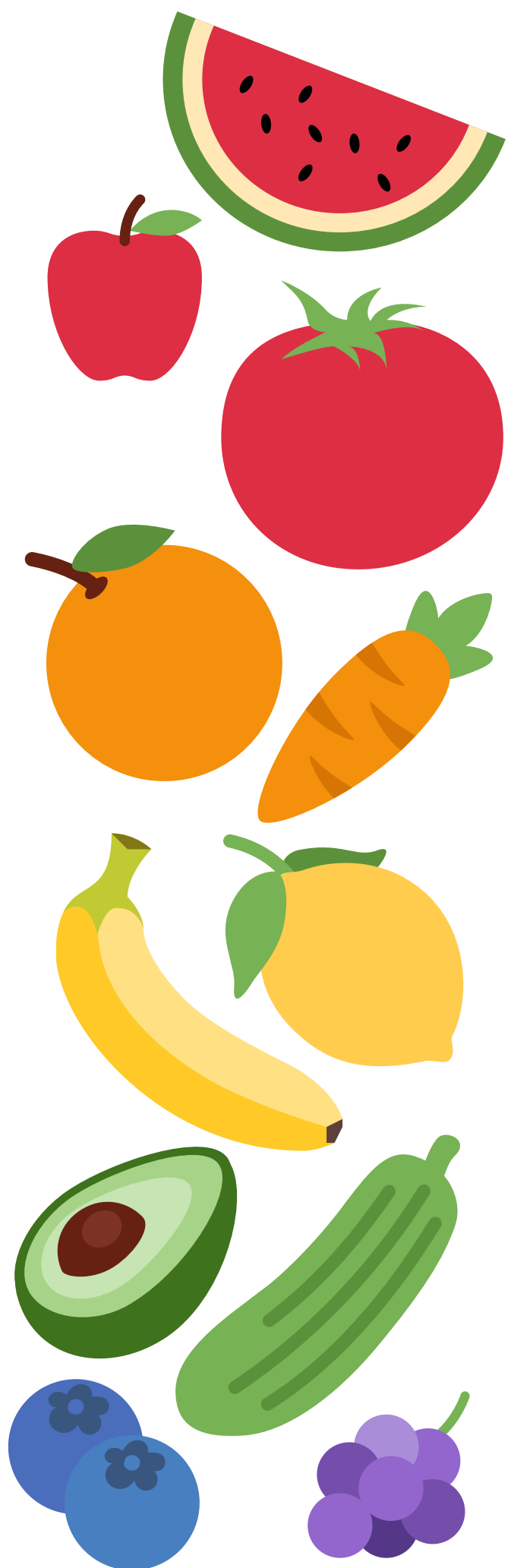


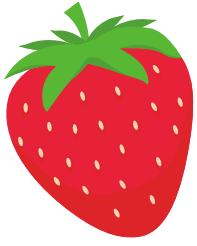


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# 2024

## Highlights



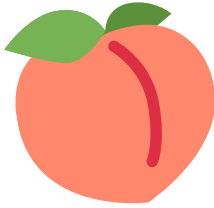


# Who we are

Hi there! We're Homegrown Minneapolis and we're a part of the City of Minneapolis Health Department. Our mission is to expand the City's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.



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# What we support and do



**Food access**



**Food policy  
and planning**



**Urban gardens**



**Food council**



**Farmers markets**

# 2024 Milestones



In 2024, we accomplished a lot! Here are some big events and successes that we're proud of.



April

We celebrate Food Waste Prevention Week by launching resources for restaurants.



October

We present on our urban agriculture work at the Urban Sustainability Network's Annual Meeting.



January

We release the first Homegrown Community Projects RFP.

[Awarded projects](#)



June

Six Garden Lease Program lots enter Permanent Gardens Pilot Program.

October

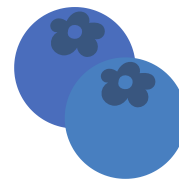
We help with Public Works' 2024 organics recycling sort.



# Community contracts



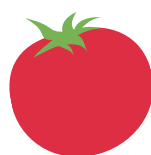
- We awarded \$315,800 in Climate Legacy Initiative funds to 16 new Homegrown Community Projects (ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000) focused on sustainable growing, energy efficient season extension, and wasted food prevention.
  - 74% of Minneapolis residential zip codes served
  - Over 1 million pounds of food rescued
- We continued to use federal funds to support five community food distributions that served 46,953 individuals in 2024.

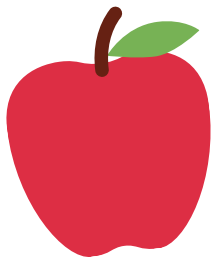


## Urban agriculture



- In partnership with Community Planning and Economic Development and Public Works departments, we leased 57 vacant City-owned lots to community and market gardens through the Garden Lease Program.
- In partnership with Solid Waste & Recycling, we distributed 348 cubic yards of free compost to 45 community gardens through the Community Garden Compost program.
- We continued policy research to support edible boulevards, preserve community gardens, and allow year-round hoop houses.





# Farmers markets



- Minneapolis was home to 16 farmers markets in 2024.
- We supported a Farmers Markets of Minneapolis vendor information session, reaching over 100 people.
- We secured City funding to make infrastructure improvements to the Minneapolis Farmers Market on Lyndale Avenue.
  - Work is expected to begin in 2025.
- We coordinated twice-monthly meetings of the Farmers Markets of Minneapolis Collaborative.

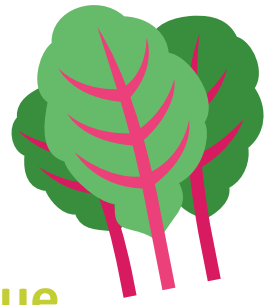
## Wasted food



- We launched and promoted resources on the City website, including four videos in three languages, to help restaurants prevent wasted food.
- We applied for the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction cooperative agreement to expand our work with restaurants.
- City Council passed a resolution recognizing April 1-7 as Food Waste Prevention Week.
- We supported the 2024 organics recycling sort.



# Get involved



Join us and your neighbors at the table to continue building and supporting a more equitable, sustainable, and local food system in Minneapolis.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- Attend a monthly [Food Council Meeting](#). All are welcome!
- Subscribe to the [Homegrown monthly newsletter](#).
- Participate in one of the action teams below. Sign up through the [interest form](#).

## Homegrown Minneapolis Action Teams



**Equitable food  
access**



**Food skills**



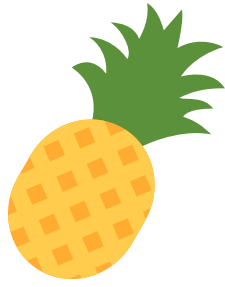
**Local food  
procurement**



**Urban agriculture**



**Wasted food**



# Thank you!



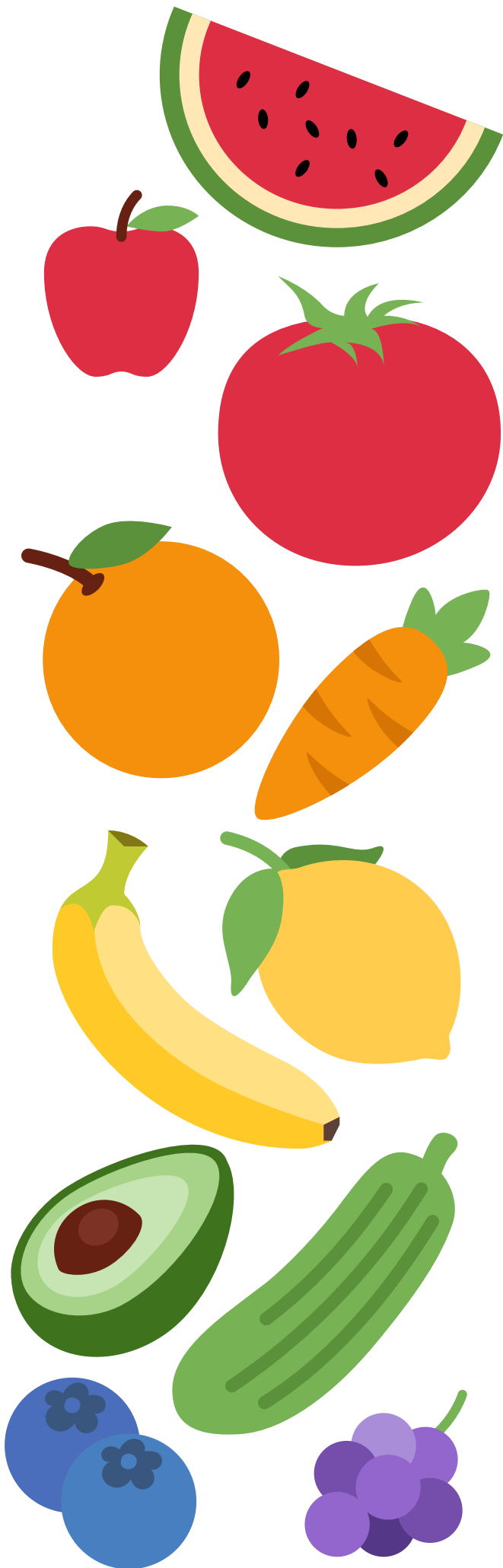
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