



# *Community Gardens Connections* **2022 Season Report**

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## Mission Statement

Community Garden Connections (CGC) serves to build our local capacity to grow food and enhance personal and communal well-being among those most impacted and disenfranchised by climate change, Covid-19 and other social, economic, and ecological injustices. CGC offers safe places for community members to get outside, learn, and connect through gardening. It addresses food insecurity related to climate change, personal and communal health, and resiliency. With the help of a private donation from the Rashti Foundation, CGC supports the installation and cooperative maintenance of 70+ raised gardens in partnership with local service agencies, students and community members. These funds also support educational outreach to meet the specific gardening interests of community partners.



10

Educational and  
community events  
that CGC co-hosted

6

new CGC  
co-coordinators  
hired!



*This year CGC hosted...*

**PRUNING WORKSHOP -**

CARL MAJEWSKI OF UNH  
EXTENSION HELPED FACILITATE  
A TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP AT  
THE WESTMORELAND GARDEN  
PROJECT. WE HAD 25 SUPER  
ENGAGED COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS ATTEND!

**LIBRARY GARDEN PLANNING  
WORKSHOP -**

CGC CO-COORDINATOR EMMA  
HOSTED A HYBRID WORKSHOP  
WITH 20 ATTENDEES ON HOW TO  
PLAN AND LAYOUT A GARDEN!



**OTHER CGC EVENTS  
INCLUDED**

- CONTAINER GARDEN DEMONSTRATION
- SPRING PLANT PARTY
- HARPER ACRES FEST
- EARTH DAY FESTIVAL AND MORE!



**CGC staff Ximena, Annie, Jean and Julie help get the AUNE campus garden beds ready for winter**



**Josh and Emma help out with the Keene Senior Center's annual cleaning and planting!**



**CGC staff helping C&S staff "put the garden to bed" at their workplace garden!**



# *10+1 Anniversary Event!*

**CGC hosted our 10th anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 27th, 2022!**

The free public event included an educational fair at the Keene Public Library and a celebration at the Westmoreland Garden Project property. The educational fair, hosted in the early part of the day, included information on gardening, seed keeping, pollinators and more. Later in the day, folks came out to celebrate at Westmoreland and enjoy a CGC alumni speaker panel, bluegrass music by the Poor Monroe Bluegrass Band, an ice cream truck and delicious food from The Works!



**CGC staff and community members gather at the Keene Public Library and at Westmoreland Garden Project to celebrate CGC's 10+1 event!**



# Westmoreland Garden Project



465

lbs of produce  
donated to The  
Community  
Kitchen

8

incredible  
volunteers

24

volunteer  
hours

*CGC was honored to receive*  
Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD)'s  
**Cooperator of the Year Award for 2022!**





# *Partner Sites & Organizations*

**ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY NEW ENGLAND  
CAMPUS GARDEN  
40 AVON ST. KEENE**

**CITY OF KEENE PARKS AND RECREATION  
CENTER  
312 WASHINGTON ST. KEENE**

**FULLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
422 ELM ST. KEENE**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
217 WASHINGTON ST. KEENE**

**KEENE FAMILY YMCA  
200 SUMMIT RD. KEENE**

**KEENE SENIOR CENTER  
70 COURT ST. KEENE**

**MONADNOCK AREA PEER SUPPORT AGENCY  
64 BEAVER ST. KEENE**

**MONADNOCK DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
121 RAILROAD ST. KEENE**

**KEENE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
8 HARMONY LN. KEENE & 105 CASTLE ST.  
KEENE**

**CHESHIRE COUNTY (WESTMORELAND  
GARDEN PROJECT (WGP))  
193 RIVER RD, WESTMORELAND, NH**

**KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
60 WINTER ST, KEENE, NH 03431**

**RISE FOR BABY AND FAMILY  
147 WASHINGTON ST. KEENE**

**THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN  
37 MECHANIC ST. KEENE**

**KEENE INTERNATIONAL MARKET  
162 EMERALD ST. KEENE**

## **2022 CGC CO-COORDINATORS:**

EMMA MCHONE, XIMENA GALLEGOS, NIKKO GAGNON,  
LAUREN DAUSCH, SOFIE WICKLUND, JULIANA STONER,  
ABIGAIL WAUGH, AND ANNIE HENDERSON

## **2022 WESTMORELAND GARDEN PROJECT MANAGER:**

EMMA MCHONE

## **FACULTY ADVISORS:**

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