CITY FRUIT promotes the cultivation of urban fruit in order to nourish people, build community and protect the climate. We help tree owners grow healthy fruit, provide assistance in harvesting and preserving fruit, promote the sharing of extra fruit, and work to protect public fruit trees.

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Six years ago, City Fruit was formed to figure out what could be done to make the most of the apples, pears, plums, figs and other fruits that grow in Seattle each year, but were being left to rot on the ground. We wanted to develop a more holistic model that focused on education, food policy, and financial sustainability, as well as the harvesting and distributing of the fruit. Since that time, we have grown from an annual harvest of 10,000 pounds in two neighborhoods to almost 28,000 pounds in five neighborhoods. To date we’ve harvested nearly 80,000 pounds of fruit and taught hundreds of community members how to care for their trees.

With support from you, our amazing volunteers and community, 2014 was City Fruit’s best year yet. Your endless energy and dedication to the urban fruit tree canopy, to feeding those in need, and stewarding our natural resources is inspiring. We cannot do this work without you.

“We put a strong emphasis on being able to distribute food that is healthy, nutritious, local, and, if possible, organic. City Fruit is a perfect storm that meets all of those needs.”
— Miguel Jimenez, Rainier Valley Food Bank
2014 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Expanded annual harvest** to two additional neighborhoods, **Ballard** and **Wallingford**, for a total of five neighborhoods
- **Harvested nearly 6,000 pounds of fruit from public orchards**, a 1,000% increase from just 500 pounds in 2013
- **Covered nearly 12,000 apples** with pest barriers to protect the fruit from insects
- **Taught 13 workshops** on fruit tree care, reaching over 500 individuals
- Hosted **53 work parties** and **20 residential harvests**, engaging community members in the care of fruit trees on public and private property
- Launched the **Master Fruit Tree Steward Program**, an intensive course on the care, management, and maintenance of fruit trees, and graduated 15 stewards
- Gathered over **500 volunteers** who contributed $52,000 in volunteer labor
- City Fruit was the focus of seven major media pieces, including coverage by **KING 5 News** and **The Huffington Post**
- **Increased annual operating budget** from $77,000 to $177,716, a growth of more than 200 percent, and hired our first full-time executive director

“We’ve had so much overripe fruit that we are unable to pick. We are so happy to have it go to such a great program.”

— Darcy Thompson, Tree Owner, Leschi
Like many cities, Seattle grew as a small urban center situated within a larger agricultural and forested landscape. However, whereas most cities’ development led to complete transformation, in Seattle some of the landscape has been preserved. According to Audrey Lieberworth in her paper, *Seattle’s Orchards: A Historic Legacy Meets Modern Sustainability*, “Seattle may be the only urban environment in the U.S. that can still boast having an extensive network of orchards containing an assortment of heirloom varieties planted by early settlers to the region.”

**CITY FRUIT PUTS THAT HISTORIC LEGACY TO WORK BY INCREASING AND SUSTAINING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD.**

In 2014, the **ORCHARD STEWARDSHIP** program maintained nearly 400 trees in 13 public orchards throughout Seattle. Throughout the year, we worked to restore trees by removing invasive species, applying barriers to protect fruit from pests, and harvesting fruit for community and food bank use. City Fruit hosted 53 work parties at public orchards in 2014 and collected 5,892 pounds of fruit.

The food gleaned from our annual **HARVEST** feeds thousands of families in Seattle. In 2014, City Fruit harvested over 22,000 pounds of fruit from private residential properties. We doubled the number of harvest sites from 151 in 2013 to 337 in 2014. We donated fruit to 39 different food banks, community organizations, and partnership events. During the year, 282 new tree owners registered their fruit trees with City Fruit. The cost per pound of donated fruit in 2014 was $0.75, below the organization’s average of $0.79.

Core to the mission of City Fruit is offering **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** to grow and share healthy fruit. During the year, we hosted 13 workshops on fruit tree care and maintenance, including one special lecture by author Lee Reich, nationally renowned fruit tree expert. As a part of our education programming, we offered a series of free workshops at City People’s Garden Store on a range of fruit tree topics.
City Fruit’s operating budget for 2014 was $177,716 (an increase of 230% from 2013) with revenue from a variety of sources, including donations, memberships, grants, and earned income. We were funded by the City of Seattle for our neighborhood-based harvest work and orchard stewardship. The King Conservation District funded an intensive education effort, the Master Fruit Tree Steward program. City Fruit generates income from classes, workshops, fruit sales, and fundraisers.

“...We have a very old apple tree that is going to produce an insane number of green apples this year. In 11 years, I have not seen a crop like this. A friend of mine encouraged me to contact you so the fruit doesn’t go to waste as it has in years past.”

— Holly, Tree Owner, Georgetown
HARVEST AREAS & STEWARDED AREAS

- **West Seattle**
  - Amy Yee Tennis Center
  - Brandon Triangle Garden
  - Martha Washington Park

- **South Seattle**
  - Danny Woo Community Garden
  - Dr. Jose Rizal Park
  - Bradner Gardens

- **Ballard**
  - Linden Orchard
  - Meridian Playground & Good Shepherd Center
  - Burke-Gilman Trail (Wallingford)
  - Queen Pea P-Patch

- **Wallingford**
  - Meridian Playground & Good Shepherd Center
  - Burke-Gilman Trail (Wallingford)
  - Queen Pea P-Patch

- **Phinney/Greenwood**
  - Picardo Farm P-Patch
  - Good Shepherd Center

- **Harvest Area Neighborhoods**

- **Expanded**

- **Stewarded Areas**

- **Expanded**
GET INVOLVED WITH CITY FRUIT!

- **VOLUNTEER** We need hundreds of volunteers to maintain and restore public orchards and harvest fruit during the year. We are also looking for dedicated City Fruit Ambassadors and Orchard Stewards to help build our capacity.
- **TAKE A CLASS** Learn more about caring for your trees, using and preserving your fruit.
- **REGISTER YOUR TREE** Make sure none of your fruit goes to waste!

In 2015, we are focused on expanding our harvest, educational offerings, and orchard stewardship. You can keep this work moving forward with your donation. Visit [cityfruit.org/donate](http://cityfruit.org/donate).

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**YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK**

- Pounds of fruit harvested in total: **27,948**
- Pounds of fruit harvested from public orchards: **5,892**
- Work parties: **53**
- Master Fruit Tree Stewards trained: **15**
- Neighborhoods served: **5**
- Supporting members: **303**
- Trees stewarded at public orchards: **375**
- Recipient organizations: **40**
- Volunteer hours: **2,257**
- Value of fruit donated to meal programs & food banks: **$44,112**
- Pounds of rotted fallen fruit removed from public parks to deter pests: **12,000**
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