



# JJC Farm to School Program One-Year Progress Report

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# Background: Farm to School at the JJC

- 2017 Fit for Kids grant - pilot year of Fresh & Local Food at the JJC (Garden Club)
- 2018 - Pilot year 2 - supported by U of I Master Gardeners grant
- Classroom tastings of grown produce
- Youth participate in hands on growing, supervised by Master Gardener & CASA volunteers, and JJC staff



# Partners Engaged



# Farm to School Proposal: Kane County JJC Fresh and Local Food Program

## Key Program Areas



1. JJC garden expansion and improvements



2. Farm to School classroom curriculum / activities



3. Develop local procurement policy for the sourcing of JJC cafeteria food

# JJC Garden Expansion and Improvements Tower Gardens



# JJC Garden Expansion and Improvements Outdoor Garden



2018 JJC Garden

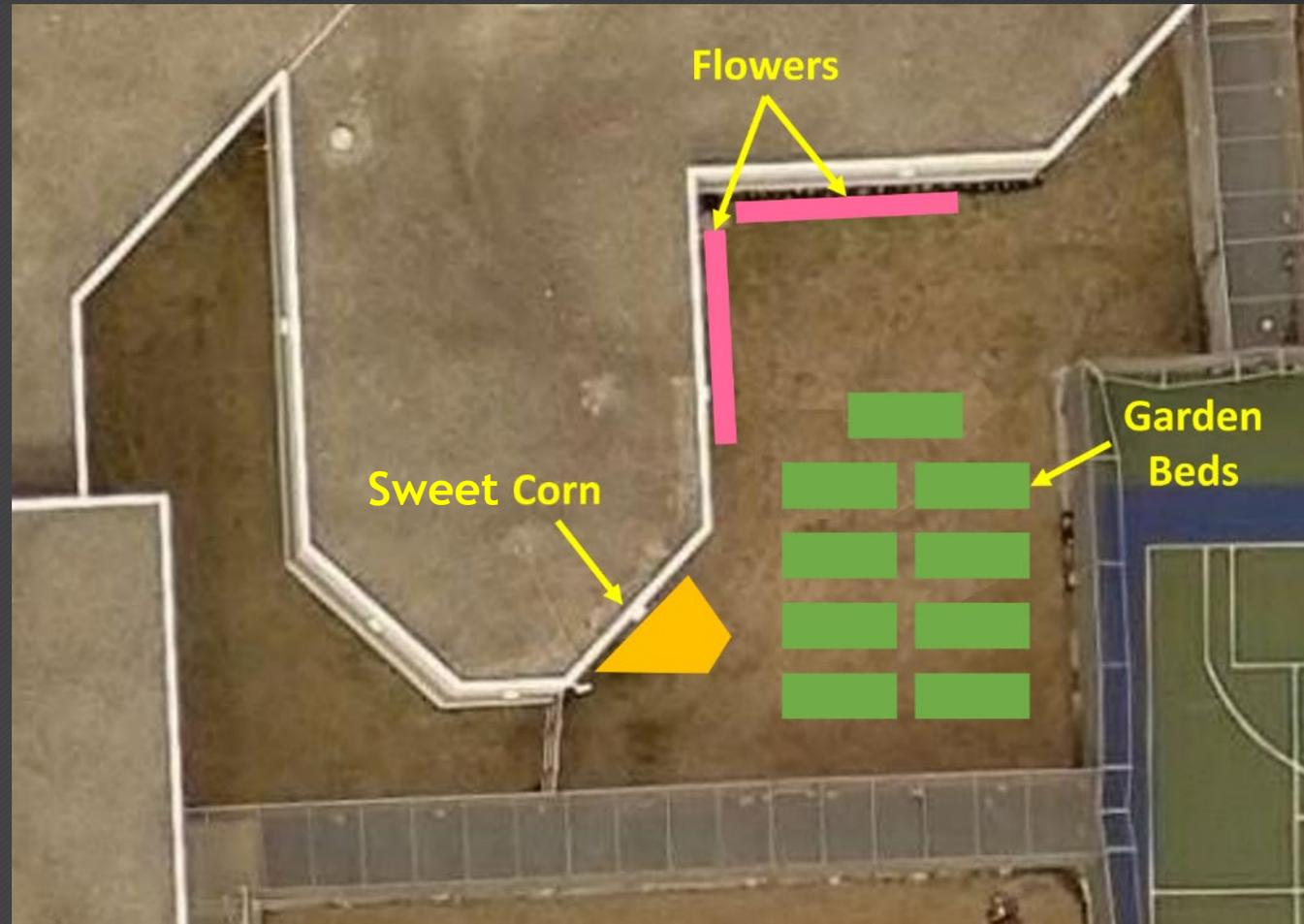


2019 Expansion



2019 Planted Beds

# JJC Garden Expansion and Improvements Outdoor Garden



# JJC Garden By the Numbers



Total number of gardens on site	9 raised-beds 2 indoor towers
Produce varieties planted	17
Weekly number of JJC youth participating in outdoor gardening activities	5.5
Weekly number of JJC youth participating in farm to school classroom lessons and indoor towers	31
Weekly number of Master Gardener volunteers working with JJC youth	3

# Farm to School Curriculum



With the support of the IL Farm to School Network, JJC teachers developed and launched a recurring 6-week farm to school curriculum module in March 2019. Includes 3 Objective Areas.

Exploring the  
Local Food  
Value Chain

Food,  
Nutrition, and  
Health

Life Science,  
Chemistry, &  
Physical  
Science

# JJC Local Food Procurement Policy



## Goals

- Work with Purchasing Dept. & JJC to develop a working definition of local foods to guide future food sourcing.
- Use input from JJC Chef and student feedback (taste tests) to identify preferred products for future vendor contracts.
- Update the JJC food vendor RFP to encourage local sourcing for 2020 contract.
  - RFP may provide reference to Kane County growers and food hub operator

# Summary of USDA Grant Expenditures

(August 2018 - May 2019)

Travel	\$1,598
Supplies	\$3,146
Personnel	\$16,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,704</b>
<b>Total Grant Award</b>	<b>\$94,984</b>

## Travel

- 2 Kane County staff to attend USDA Farm to School grantee training program.

## Supplies

- Materials for raised bed gardens and tower gardens including assembled components, planting supplies/tools, and delivery fees.

## Personnel

- Contract staff support including Program Coordinator and Garden Coordinator.

# In-Kind Material Contributions

To date, the JJC Farm to School Program has received in-kind material contributions valued at **\$1,232**. This includes material donations by the IL Farm to School Network, leftover funds from the first year Fit for Kids grant, and a monetary donation.

The in-kind donated and purchased materials include a storage shed, tower garden supplies, hose reels, and planting materials.



# In-Kind Personnel Contributions

- **10+** Kane County and IL Farm to School Network staff contributors
- **420+** Hours of staff time
- **\$20,790+** In-kind staff salary
- **8** Master Gardener participants
- **40+** Master Gardener volunteer hours

Current value of in-kind personnel and material contributions

**\$22,022** (or about **57%** of the program in-kind target)

# Reporting

## Reports Submitted to USDA

- 1 Baseline Report
- 1 6-Month Progress Report
- 3 Quarterly Financial Reports



# Timeline - Ongoing & Upcoming Activities

	2019						2020					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Classroom Local Taste Tests												
Classroom Curriculum	ONGOING - 6 WEEK LESSON CYCLES											
JJC Procurement - Local Policy Review / Development												
JJC Procurement - RFP Drafting												
JJC Procurement - RFP Publication / Vendor Selection												
Farm to School Guidebook - Writing												
Farm to School Guidebook - Design												
Fall Garden Harvest												
Spring Garden Planning & Planting												
Evaluation / Data Collection / Reporting	ONGOING											