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Goal 1		Increase the accessibility and affordability of healthy food.				
Objective 1.3		Establish new community and school gardens in additional locations.				
Key Actions	Timeframe		Responsible Parties	Resources	Measures	Status
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<p>1.3.A Examine best practices for community gardening.</p>	10/13	9/15	<p>Leads: Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Community Transformation Grant (CTG) staff, Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) staff</p> <p>HE Priority Issue Team (PIT)</p>	<p>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) CTG \$500,000 10/13-9/14</p> <p>Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Grant \$67,410 1/14-9/14</p> <p>Kaiser Foundation (KF) Grant \$14,994 8/14-6/15</p>	<p>Identification of best practices for community gardening: Completed</p> <p># partners who received information: 39</p> <p>Dissemination of food pantry listing to community gardeners: Completed</p>	<p>COMPLETED YEAR ONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted a Community Gardening Faith Gathering for 39 houses of worship in 9/14 at the First Presbyterian Church in Annandale. Presented best practices for community gardening among faith communities, including remarks by representatives of houses of worship with established gardens; instruction on how to start a garden; and information about how Master Gardeners can assist houses of worship with their gardening efforts. <p>COMPLETED YEAR TWO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with LINK, Inc., a nonprofit providing emergency food to people in need, in 1/15 to discuss community gardens and donations to food pantries. Worked with the Food Providers Network to develop a listing of pantries accepting produce donations from community gardens and distributed it to community gardeners.

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<p>1.3.B Identify potential sites for gardens at schools and in the community.</p>	10/13	9/16	<p>Leads: FCHD, Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, HE PIT/Fairfax Food Council (FFC) Community Gardens Workgroup</p> <p>Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), NCS Community Faith Coordination staff, Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), Park Authority</p>	<p>VDH HEAL Grant \$67,410 1/14-9/14</p> <p>KF Grant \$14,994 8/14-6/15</p> <p>Northern Virginia Health Foundation (NVHF) \$25,000 10/15-9/16</p> <p>Community Faith Coordination staff, Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), Park Authority \$75,000 12/16-12/17</p> <p>Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) \$30,000 per year 7/16-6/18</p>	# new sites for school and community gardens: 3	<p>COMPLETED YEAR ONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered a survey in mid-2014 to the faith community which identified houses of worship with gardens and 39 others interested in starting gardens. Purchased gardening tools for use by FCPS, a fire station, a senior center, and a faith sector community garden tool share program coordinated by the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale. Provided support for a Salad Science program in 9/14, which taught 15 FCPS teachers and administrators about the Audubon Naturalist Society Green Kids-Salad Science Program. <p>COMPLETED YEAR TWO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to faith community representatives at the United Methodist Church regional meeting and at Herndon/Reston FISH regarding gardening and support for food pantries. Received a planning grant from the NVHF through Arcadia to increase healthy food access in the Bailey's Crossroads area by supporting school gardens, mobile markets, and nutrition education. <p>COMPLETED YEAR THREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated collaboration between school gardens and the local community to ensure sustainability, focusing on Bailey's Elementary School, Glen Forest Elementary School, and the Bailey's Community Center. Conducted outreach to houses of worship to develop gardens on their property to be used as an educational tool for teaching gardening and nutrition to the community, as well as a source of fresh food for local pantries.

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<p>1.3.C Establish partnerships to support additional gardening efforts.</p> <p><i>(Revised 3/17)</i></p>	10/15	9/18	Leads: FFC Urban Agriculture Workgroup, VCE	VFHY \$30,000 per year 7/16-6/18	Establishment of partnerships to support gardening: Completed	<p>COMPLETED YEAR THREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enlisted help from the VCE Master Gardener program to provide education and volunteer support for establishing and maintaining community gardens. <p>PLAN FOR YEAR FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solicit funds and training resources to facilitate gardens. Conduct a bimonthly gardening workshop series in cooperation with VCE focusing on edible community gardens. <p>COMPLETED YEAR FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebranded the Community Gardens Workgroup as the Urban Agriculture Workgroup. Relocated the Garden Tool Lending program to the Daniel Run Peace Church.
<p>1.3.D Establish or expand community gardens, targeting areas with the greatest needs.</p> <p><i>(Added 3/17)</i></p>	10/16	9/18	Lead: FFC Urban Agriculture Workgroup Fairfax County Park Authority	VFHY \$30,000 per year 7/16-6/18	# new community gardens established: 3+	<p>COMPLETED YEAR FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed small assistance awards to community organizations for the establishment or expansion of community gardens to increase the availability of healthy and affordable food in one of three targeted communities — Bailey’s Crossroads/Culmore area, Herndon/Reston, and Mount Vernon. Granted awards to Westlawn Elementary (Bailey’s Crossroads/Culmore area), Riverside Elementary (Mount Vernon), and the Herndon Environmental Network (Herndon/Reston). <p>PLAN FOR YEAR FIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise the award application process to select organizations to assist during spring of 2018 with garden development.

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<p>1.3.E Develop tools and resources to support local gardening efforts.</p> <p><i>(Added 3/17)</i></p>	10/15	9/18	Lead: FFC Urban Agriculture Workgroup, VCE	VFHY \$30,000 per year 7/16-6/18	Development of gardening resources: Completed	<p>COMPLETED YEAR THREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled a Garden Resource Binder for distribution to community garden groups. <p>COMPLETED YEAR FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered a 2017 community gardens workshop series with VCE. <p>PLAN FOR YEAR FIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a 2018 community gardens workshop series with VCE. • Create a web-based garden resource guide with links to workshop materials and resources. • Develop community garden GIS mapping program in cooperation with Fairfax County Park Authority to identify areas of need of additional gardening opportunities and to serve as a networking resource for community gardeners.