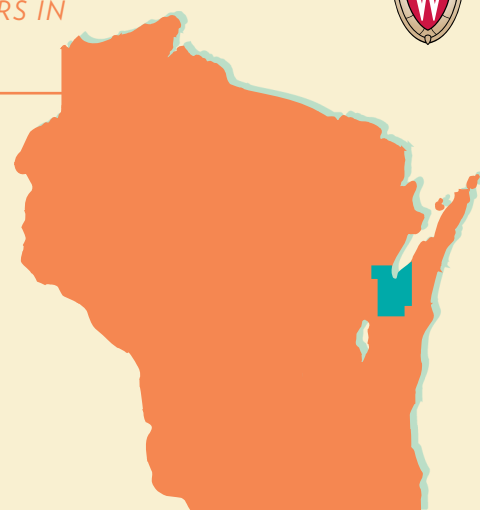




WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN **BROWN COUNTY**



*In 2018, Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 2,808 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$67,392.**

*Using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$24.69 per hour from Independent Sector (independentsector.org).

The Master Gardener Program in Brown County started in 1979. Over 325 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 58 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Brown County

- Brown County Central Library Garden
- Green Bay Botanical Garden
- Green Bay School Head Start Garden
- Heritage Hill State Park
- Neville Public Museum
- St. Philip Catholic Church Pantry Garden
- Unity Hospice Native Plant Garden
- YMCA Square Foot Garden in Howard



FEATURED PROJECTS

Create an outdoor classroom at the library

Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers garden in collaboration with Brown County Library staff to create an outdoor classroom for families. The garden, with over 20 varieties of vegetables and a smattering of annual flowers, was used to educate visitors about growing plants, where food comes from, and to introduce kids to insects and birds. In 2018, 527 people participated in 13 sessions at this project.

Renovate public spaces with native plants

MGVs continued to add native plants to the Neville Public Museum. This year's renovation of the front entrance created an aesthetically appealing and educational landscape for museum visitors to pass through. In the summer, the museum hosted an exhibit about bees. In September, the MGVs provided educational programming on native plants and pollinators during the museum's free admission day.

Teach kids how to garden

During the summer, MGVs worked with about 20 children per week at the YMCA (Howard Branch) to plan, plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables to use directly in the facility or for children to take home to their families. This year the program expanded to include children enrolled in the after-school program. In June the YMCA hosted an open house that showcased the garden to adults and children not taking part in the summer or after-school programs.

Engaging elders in gardening

The Brown County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) raised bed garden demonstrated how older adults with limited mobility can continue to engage in gardening. Vegetables grown in this project are used in the ADRC's home delivered meal program. MG Volunteers plan, plant, maintain and harvest the garden produce. They also guide four additional ADRC volunteers who assist with the garden. This year, MGVs added a gardening Q&A session for ADRC visitors.



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