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Southern Rhode Island Conservation District Awards People's Garden Grants to Organizations and Businesses

WESTERLY, Rhode Island, August 6, 2024 – The Southern Rhode Island Conservation District (SRICD) recently awarded more than \$60,000 in People's Garden program grants to providing funding for the following organizations to establish community gardens:

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), Warwick
Meadow Brook Waldorf School, West Kingston
Painted Karma, Kingston
Northrup Acres, North Kingstown
Richmond Elementary School, Richmond
St. Pius X Catholic Church, Westerly
Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Charlestown
West Warwick High School, West Warwick

The People's Garden Project is funded and organized by a collaborative effort between the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District (SRICD), the Rhode Island State Conservation Committee (RISCC) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA NRCS).

SRICD's project provides financial and technical support for community gardens and high tunnel projects in urban, suburban, or rural areas in Washington and Kent Counties, Rhode Island.

Gina Fuller, District Manager for the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District, notes "we are so excited to partner with these wonderful organizations and businesses throughout our district to provide them with the financial, technical, and educational assistance needed to establish their own garden and fresh, healthy food using good conservation practices that nurture habitat for pollinators, wildlife, and people."



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SRICD has previously awarded People's Garden Grants to the following organizations:

2020

Compass School, Kingston
Rockville Root Cause, Rockville
North End Development Corporation, Westerly

2021

West Warwick Health Equity Zone
Westerly Middle School, Westerly
Middlebridge School, Narragansett
Peacedale Elementary School, Peacedale

2022

Narragansett Indian Tribe
Springbrook Elementary School, Westerly
Matunuck Elementary School, Matunuck

2023

Kiki's Garden, Exeter
Frank Olean Center, Westerly

The Southern Rhode Island Conservation District (SRICD) promotes and achieves a healthy environment and sustainable use of natural resources for the people of Kent and Washington Counties and the State of Rhode Island, now and for the future, by coordinating partners to provide technical, educational and financial resources.

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