

FarmPhilly December Update



As the 2014 growing season came to a close, Parks & Rec's [Junior Farmers](#) celebrated this year's bountiful harvest by carving pumpkins, saving seeds, and cooking and feasting on the produce they grew themselves. We are looking forward to a bigger and better season in 2015: the program will be adding an additional 15 new children's gardens at recreation centers around the city!

FarmPhilly is also excited to be working with a grant from the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia via the Office of Innovation and Technology to run a pilot program in spring 2015 called Plants Make Positive Places. The project will be focused on re-using and propagating perennial plant material from throughout PPR's parks, to use existing plants to beautify areas of the parks and recreation system that can use some greenery. We are aiming to build a PPR plant library focused on easy-to-maintain native plants that come back every year and attract pollinators and beneficial insects. Many thanks to Andy Viren, Moria Miller, Mike O'Brien and all the

staff at the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center for their support with this new endeavor.

FarmPhilly is also currently hiring! If you know of any gardeners, youth educators or landscapers seeking employment, we are looking for Garden Educators and a Plants Make Positive Places Project Coordinator for 2015. More information on the positions can be found here:

<http://www.phila.gov/ParksandRecreation/aboutus/Pages/Employment.aspx>

Interested and qualified candidates can send a cover letter and resume to

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