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**HELPING PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO GROW
HEALTHY FOOD AND LIVE SUSTAINABLY**

**Foundation for Sustainability and Innovation
Community Crops Final Report
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Community Crops has completed spending on the award in December 2017, according to the original budget proposed. Funds were spent on supplies for rehabilitating a greenhouse for use in our Growing Farmers Training Program.

In addition to allowing our training farmers to get a greater head start on the growing season, this project has provided our garden and youth programs with low-cost, high-quality transplants.

The first step in this project was to clear the dilapidated greenhouse of the large amounts of vegetation that had accumulated over the years of non-use. We then laid new landscape fabric down to smother weeds and began the process of assembling the greenhouse benches. (see photos 1-4)

In addition to rehabilitating the greenhouse space, funds were used to purchase supplies for constructing a germination chamber and heated propagation tables. (Photos 6-11) This equipment allows us to rapidly germinate large numbers of seeds and keep them warm early in the season while expending minimal amounts of propane.

During the 2017 growing season, we had 3 farmers from our training program who utilized the space to start transplants for their farm plots. We distributed 1500 plants to our community gardeners and 100 plants to the school community gardens. In addition, at our annual plant sale fundraiser we were able to sell 2276 plants that we grew to the community. Proceeds from this fundraiser help support our garden, farm, and youth programs. Our training farm grew more than 2000 plants for production at our training farm. Most of the produce grown on our training farm goes towards our Food Bank distributions and weekly market stand at a free health clinic. This produce is all reaching those who frequently lack access to locally grown, sustainable food options.

We will continue to use this space in 2018 and look forward to the continued success that it brings to our programs! Thank you to FSI for your past support of Community Crops and helping us pursue our mission of helping more people grow sustainable, local, food.

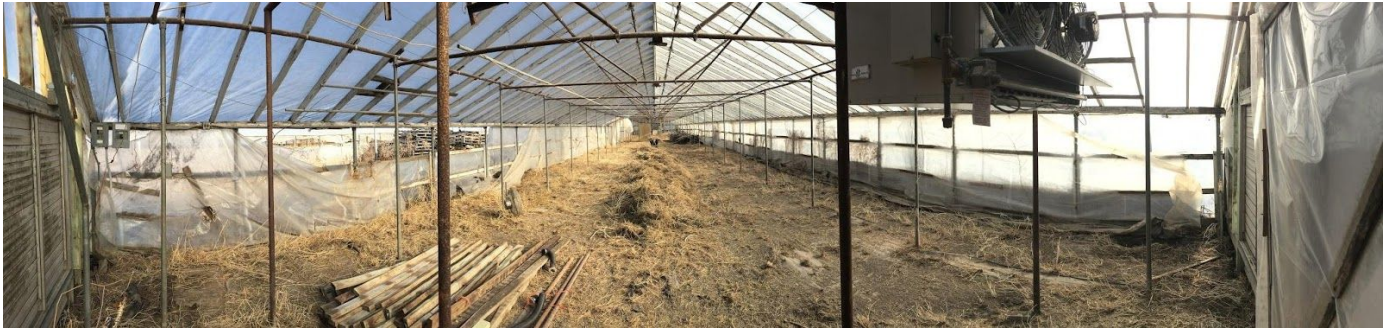


Photo 1: 12/29/2016

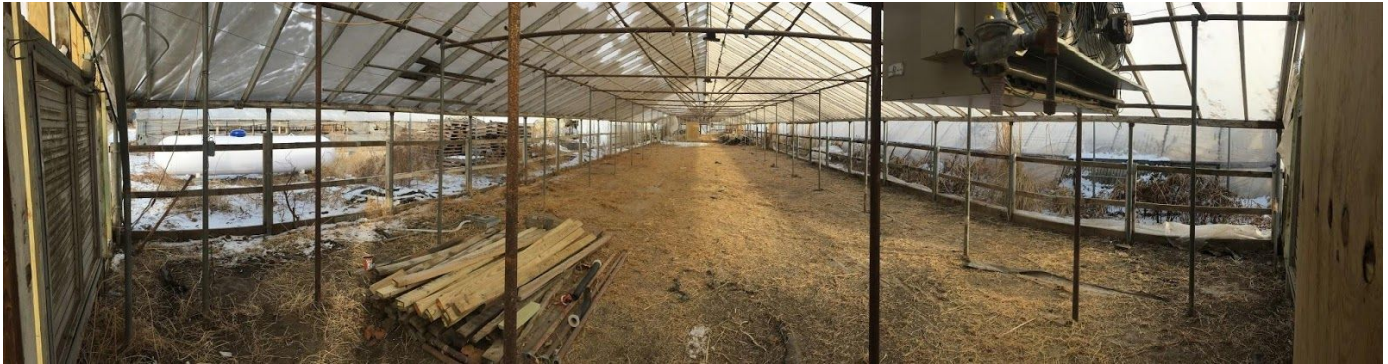


Photo 2: 1/9/2017



Photo 3: 1/31/17



Photo 4: 2/22/17



Photo 5: 5/2/17 - Thousands of plants ready for gardeners and our annual plant sale fundraiser.



Photos 6-8: Heated Prop table - the cable is covered with sand and plugged into a thermostat.



Photos 9-11: Germination Chamber - heat provided by hot water heater element wired into waterproof thermostat inside chamber - chamber can germinate 4080 plants at one time!