

Puget Sound Public Farms (PSPF) 2025 Year-End Report

Executive Summary

2025 marks a period of significant growth and impact for Puget Sound Public Farms (PSPF), characterized by substantial increases in food production, volunteer engagement, land stewardship, and organizational capacity. Our efforts resulted in growing and donating 7,000 pounds of produce valued at \$35,000.00. PSPF also successfully secured a long-term lease extension for Ovenell and welcomed a Andrew Davis as the Executive Director, positioning PSPF for continued rapid growth.

I. Community Impact and Ecological Stewardship

Our core mission of empowering communities to connect with local food and agriculture saw extraordinary success across all key metrics:

- **Food Security:** PSPF harvested and donated over **7,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious produce** to local food banks and hunger relief programs. This donation is conservatively valued at **\$35,000**, representing a direct economic benefit to underserved families in the Puget Sound area. This is more than 2000lb more than our projected total and 5000lb more than our first growing season in 2024
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Our programs were fueled by exceptional community support, logging over **1,000 dedicated volunteer hours** across planting, harvesting, and land management activities. The in-kind value of this labor is estimated at **\$20,000**, underscoring the powerful role volunteers play in our operations.
- **Land Restoration:** Our commitment to environmental health was demonstrated through several key restoration projects. We successfully **removed invasive blackberry bushes from four acres of critical wetland** habitat, and performed vital clearing of blackberries within the community orchard footprint. Furthermore, we enhanced local biodiversity by **planting over 200 native plants**, contributing to long-term ecological stability.

II. Infrastructure, Capacity, and Governance

2023 was a year focused on solidifying our operational foundation and preparing for future expansion:

- **Ovenell Garden Expansion:** We executed a major improvement by successfully **expanding the growing area at the Ovenell Garden from 0.25 acres to 0.5 acres**, effectively doubling our production capacity at this vital site.
- **Utility & Lease Security:** We achieved two crucial milestones in securing the future of our physical infrastructure: the organization received an electrical hookup from the City of Stanwood, enabling efficient irrigation and future infrastructure development, and we

successfully extended our lease agreement at Ovenell Park through 2030, providing long-term stability for our operations.

- **Leadership:** The organization appointed the new **Executive Director in September**, ensuring continuity of mission and providing strategic direction for 2024 initiatives.

III. Financial Summary

PSPF maintained prudent financial management throughout the year, maximizing in-kind contributions to generate significant value for the community:

Category	Value (as of November 2025)	Notes
Value of Donated Produce	\$35,000	In-kind community benefit
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$20,000	In-kind operational support
Total Grant Money	\$20,000	Total Grants Received
Total Donations from Individuals	\$20,000	Total Cash Donations by Individuals
Project Expenses	\$10,000	Direct costs associated with gardening, planting, and restoration
Total Organizational Expenses	\$6,000	Includes project expenses, administrative overhead, and site maintenance

IV. 2024 Outlook and Strategic Initiatives

Looking ahead, PSPF is looking forward to launching several ambitious projects that deepen our impact across food security, education, and environmental restoration:

- **Wetland Restoration Partnership:** We are excited to continue our partnership with the Snohomish Conservation District and anticipate building on the Orca Recovery Day Plantings by **restoring an additional six acres of critical wetland** habitat, significantly expanding our stewardship footprint.
- **Community Squash Partnership Program:** We will pilot a new food security initiative focused on utilizing underutilized private land. This program will involve working with local landowners to cultivate winter squash on their property for donation, creating a reliable,

high-yield, highly desirable food source for the **Stanwood-Camano Food Bank**.

- **Infrastructure Investment:** Construction is underway for a new **30' x 90' greenhouse**, which will dramatically extend our growing season, increase crop diversity, and provide shelter for educational programming.
- **Educational Outreach:** We look forward to launching a structured community education series, partnering with **local experts to teach classes in food, farming, gardening, and environmental stewardship**, further fulfilling our commitment to knowledge sharing and capacity building within the community.

PSPF remains dedicated to its mission and extends sincere gratitude to our funders, partners, staff, and the community for a year of outstanding achievement.