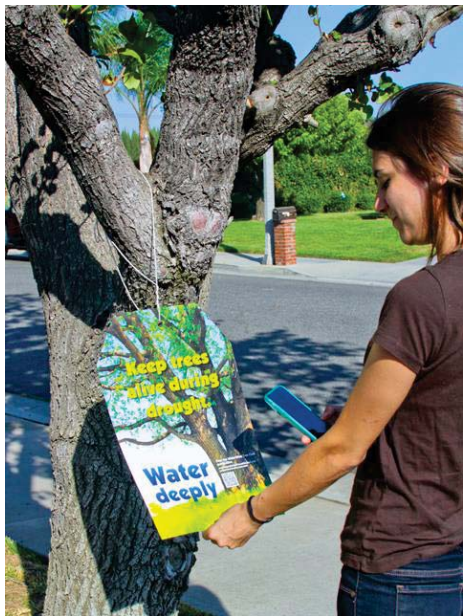


# Neighbors Work to Create a Sustainable Community



## Community Engagement







## Fresh and Local!

Food and Farms of Southern California's Inland Valleys



### Partners helped fund these projects:

- Ca Dept. of Conservation
- Kaiser Permanente
- Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
- City of Riverside/RPU (THANK YOU!)
- American Ag Credit
- Riverside University Health System
- Burrtec Waste Industries
- Riverside Food Co-op
- Riverside Co. Farm Bureau
- CURE

Volunteers got them distributed.

### Environmental Learning Resources

for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties with Adjacent Areas



Environmental  
Education  
Collaborative

Striving to create a sustainable future through environmental learning experiences for all.

## FOOD SYSTEM MILESTONES

For nearly 150 years, agriculture has been an important component of our economy and culture, thanks to an abundance of sunshine, soil, water and innovation.

Start-up grants for food system partners to build local capacity:  
USDA Food Hub grant awarded to Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) for \$436K



Invest Health grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded to City of Riverside for \$60K



Kaiser Permanente awarded \$50K to RFSA



National Association of Conservation Districts and USDA awarded a \$50K Urban Ag Conservation grant to Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD)



The CA Natural Resources Agency funded a \$3M Urban Greening Grant to the City of Riverside (plus RFSA partners) for Northside Heritage Meadows, which will include an Urban Agriculture Education Center.



Riverside Garden Council became a non-profit to assist community gardens



market match  
RFSA administered Market Match funds for local farmers' markets through the Ecology Center.



USDA awarded \$468K to RUSD to support food hub operations.



CalRecycle awarded the City of Riverside and Riverside Food Co-op \$209K to pilot three food rescue and waste prevention programs.



The Inland Empire Economic Partnership recognized GrowRIVERSIDE and partners with the Sustainability and Green Development Award.

Riverside voters passed Proposition R which preserved nearly 5,000 acres in the Arlington Heights greenbelt for agricultural uses.



The Riverside Food Co-op formed and started crop box service



Stakeholders developed a Food and Ag Policy Action Plan that was adopted by the Riverside City Council. The RFSA emerged.

Riverside voters passed Measure C establishing policy to promote and encourage agriculture in Riverside.



First annual GrowRIVERSIDE conference. Initiative launched.



Gleaners for Good was launched to harvest backyard fruit, which is then donated.



The local Public Relations Society of America recognized the first Fresh & Local guide with a Capella award.

1979

1987

2012

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018





**Riverside Food Co-op**  
Purchases from local growers.



RIVERSIDE, CA  
**NEXT-GEN  
FARMER**  
TRAINING PROGRAM



Funded by CalRecycle

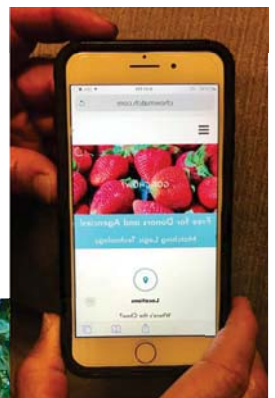


**Food Ambassadors**

Since Fall 2018: **40,000 pounds** of food  
have been gleaned and rescued.



**Chowmatch.com**







Awarded \$3,000,000 for urban greening and acquiring 8 acres in Riverside's Northside.



**Riverside Garden Council's** volunteers support community and school gardens all around town.



**NEW: Seed Exchange at the Land Use Learning Center**



**CSDR: Chef Ian helped plant the new garden for their F.E.A.S.T.**





Learn about RNP's  
2018 Good Neighbor of the Year  
Frances Borrela who feeds neighbors  
from her garden.



To find out more about *What's "Growing" on in Riverside*, see the RNP Vlog at [www.RNPinfo.com](http://www.RNPinfo.com) and visit the *Land Use Learning Center* to learn about sustainable practices in Native Habitats, Urban Areas, & Agriculture.



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RNP works to connect neighbors, groups, and resources to:

- facilitate community engagement
- improve quality of life, and
- foster a sense of place through outreach, information, and advocacy.