

## **Gardens as resources for cities and people**

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Public gardens create programs and resources that provide positive benefits to people and the environment and foster green and sustainable cities. By engaging community members at many different points of life and educating them about plants, public gardens are essential partners in ensuring urban living is still connected to and supporting nature. Learn about initiatives developed by the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) to teach sustainable landscaping, sustainable home and school gardening, urban agriculture, and plant-based youth entrepreneurship. National sustainable landscaping programs developed by the USBG and collaborators, such as the Sustainable SITES Initiative and its home gardening spin-off program, Landscape for Life, will be discussed. USBG-led urban-focused initiatives will be highlighted, including the now five-year-old Urban Agriculture Resilience Program, which was created with the American Public Gardens Association. Resources developed through these and other collaborations will be shared along with information about what lies ahead for USBG's national and international partnerships.