



SUSTAIN
LOWERTOWN

Sustain Your Community | Sustainable Community Development |

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Delivered by EnviroCentre in collaboration with various community partners

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Sustain Lowertown | Evaluation Report

Purpose

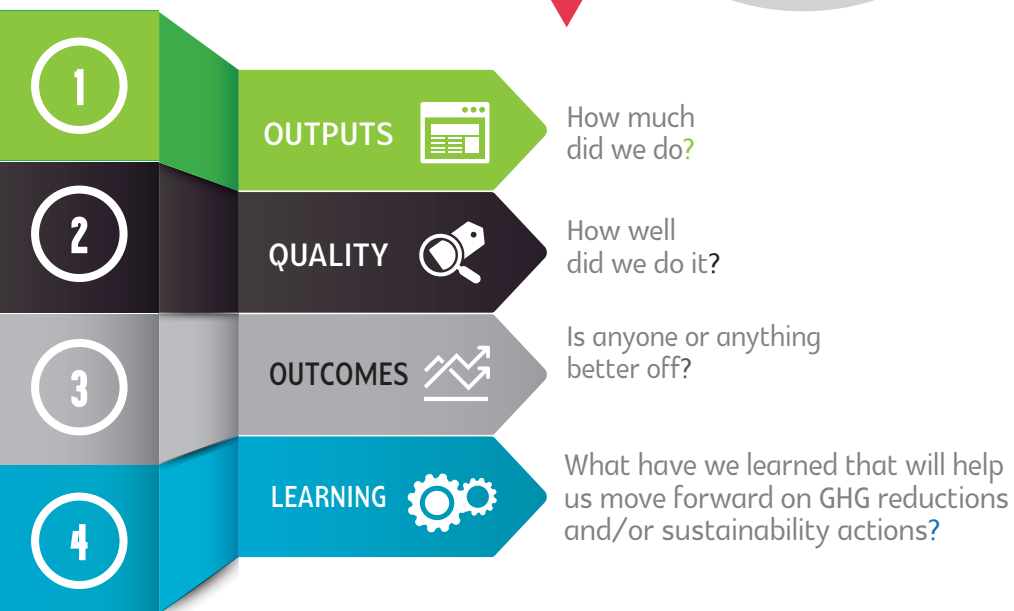
This evaluation report examines the findings for the first period of the three-year project (2014-2017) carried out by EnviroCentre to develop new assets or continue increasing the existing ones and support environmental sustainability at the local level.

The evaluation examines outcomes, aspects of the implementation process, the measurable improvements with respect to the desired outcomes and lessons learned.

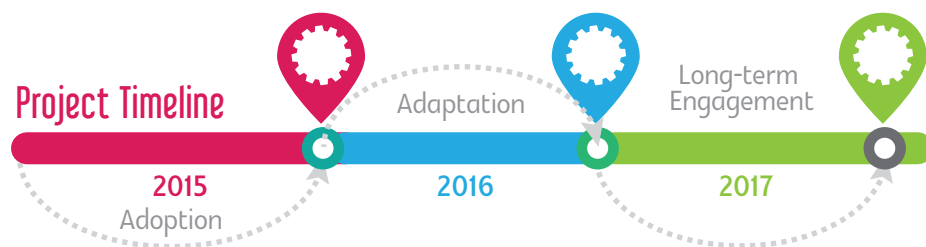
focus of the project

Develop community-led initiatives that engage residents and volunteers in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cost-savings and overall, citizen involvement in environmental sustainability actions.

The lowertown community has identified **Food Security** (local food) as their priority theme and the transportation required to access food



Project Timeline



Theory of Change



Sustain Lowertown | Theme: Food Security

Resources used / participants getting involved, raising awareness and taking action to increase community sustainability

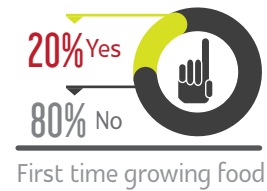
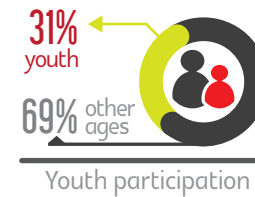
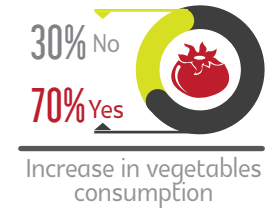
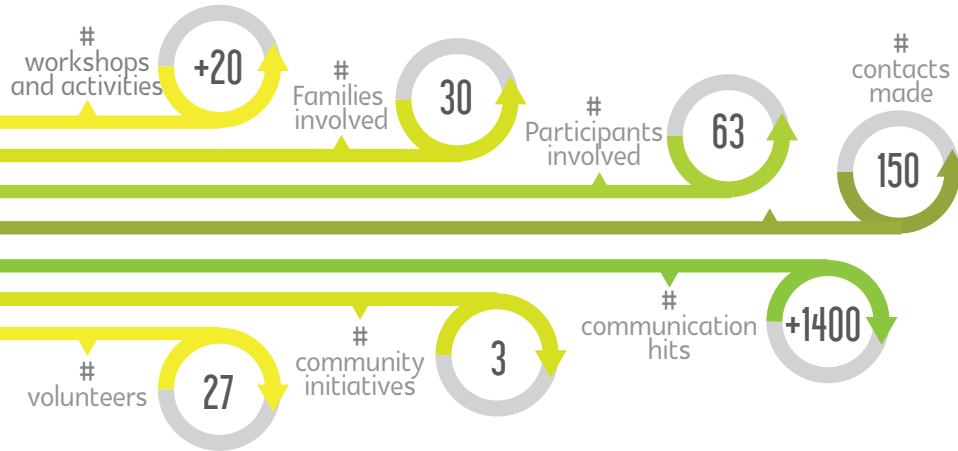
OUTPUTS How much did we do?

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QUALITY How well did we do it?

Level of satisfaction reported by participants who completed surveys.



Positive changes and progression reported by participants, volunteers and coordinators...

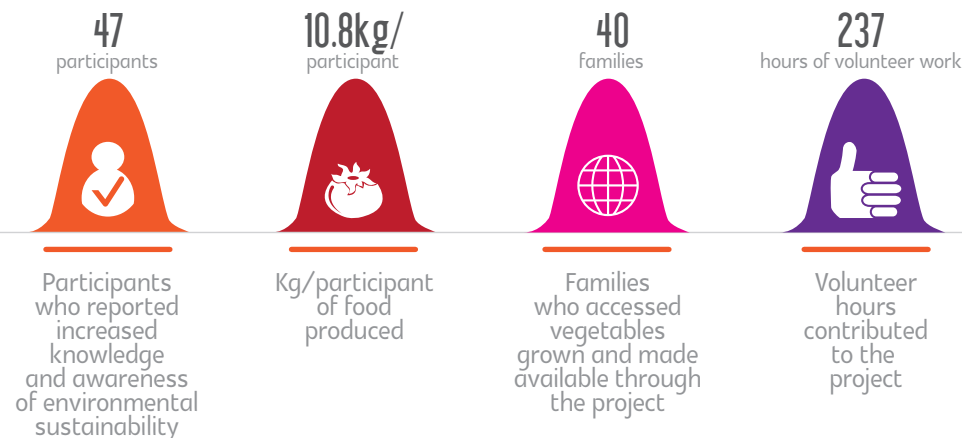
OUTCOMES Is anyone or anything better off?

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LEARNING Feedback for improvement

Lessons learned that will help us move forward on GHG reductions and/or sustainability actions



What is working...

The project brought together residents who did not know each other before and strengthened community sense

Residents experienced the economic advantage of growing their own food and learning new skills

Family members got the spend additional quality time together while working towards the achievement of their individual but also community goals

What could be improved...

Long term engagement strategies that will encourage participants to continue these initiatives after the project is completed

Year round continuity of initiatives so that participant momentum is not lost once the growing season ends

Perception that the initiative will always require funding to sustain itself. Provide training on how to preserve food and cooking options