



# 2015 Annual Summary of Master Gardener Activities

<b>261</b>	# of New Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (completed training this year)
<b>2,425</b>	# of Active Master Gardeners returning
<b>2,981</b>	Combined Volunteers
<b>177,318</b>	Total # of volunteer hours this year x (\$23.07 per hour*) = <b>\$4,090,726</b>
<b>363,388</b>	Total # of in person contacts
<b>6,009,076</b>	Total # of telephone/email contacts
<b>789,752</b>	Total # of miles traveled x (0.50 per mile**) = <b>\$394,876</b>
<b>1,622</b>	Total # of advanced training hours
<b>6,252</b>	Total # of continuing education hours

## Hours Volunteered by State Initiative

Georgia MGEV projects fall into five initiative, or priority, areas.



- Environmental Stewardship
- Gardening with Youth
- Home Food Production
- Value of Landscapes
- Health Benefits of Gardening

- teaching citizens to protect and enhance the environment through use of sustainable landscape management practices
- using horticulture and landscaping to change attitude, behavior, knowledge, and skills of youth
- teaching others how to produce food in private and community gardens
- utilizing horticulture and landscaping to enhance community development and economic growth
- using horticulture to improve human health, well-being, and quality of life



Self-reported data collected from MGLOG, the recordkeeping system for the Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program, as of March 2, 2016. \*The wage rate of \$23.07 per hour was used. The value of volunteer time is based on the average hourly earnings of all production and nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) increased by 12 percent to estimate for fringe benefits. The information was supplied by the Independent Sector (1200 18th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036; 202-223-8100; <http://www.independentsector.org>), a national forum to encourage giving. \*\*The mileage rate is based on \$0.50 per mile.