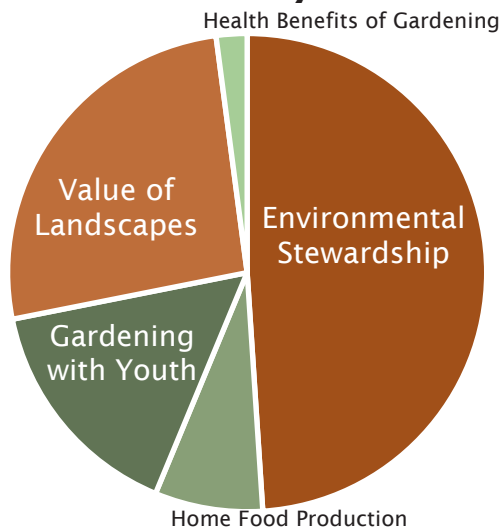




2017 Annual Summary of Master Gardener Activities

285 New Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (completed training this year)
 2,504 Active Master Gardeners returning
 2,789 Total # of Volunteers
 181,667 Total # of volunteer hours this year x (\$24.14 per hour*) = \$4,385,441
 259,235 Total # of in person contacts
 1,199,193 Total # of telephone/email contacts
 1,696,915 Total # of miles traveled x (0.54 per mile**) = \$916,334
 1,490 Total # of advanced training hours
 8,163 Total # of continuing education hours

Hours Volunteered by State Initiative



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

- teaching citizens to protect and enhance the environment through use of sustainable landscape management practices
- utilizing horticulture and landscaping to enhance community development and economic growth
- using horticulture and landscaping to change attitude, behavior, knowledge, and skills of youth
- teaching others how to produce food in private and community gardens
- 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 February 12, 2018. *The wage rate of \$24.14 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 (1602 L Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036; 202-467-6100; <http://www.independentsector.org>), a national forum to encourage giving. **The mileage rate is based on \$0.54 per mile.