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Patagonia Foundation - Soho Store Awards \$5,000 to Capital District Community Gardens' Produce Project

Supporting the Expansion of CDCG's Urban Farm and Increasing Participation of High School Trainees

TROY – The Patagonia Foundation – Soho Store recently awarded \$5,000 to Capital District Community Gardens, a non-profit that nourishes healthy communities by providing access to fresh food and green spaces for all. The funds support a land expansion at the organization's Produce Project, an urban farm where underprivileged youth from Troy High School receive work and life skills training.

The one-acre land expansion will double the acreage under cultivation at the farm, enabling the students to increase sales to local restaurants and the produce varieties they make available to community members at local markets. The extra space will also allow CDCG to increase the number of students it involves in the program annually.

"The Produce Project students and the CDCG staff are thrilled to have The Patagonia Foundation's support," said CDCG's Executive Director, Amy Klein. "This expansion benefits the entire community, providing fresh, local food for our neighbors and invaluable job skills for young people."

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 38 year old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more.

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