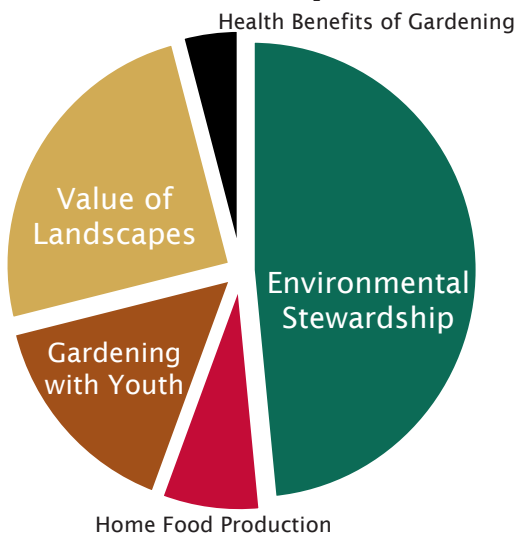




2016 Annual Summary of Master Gardener Activities

380	# of New Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (completed training this year)
2,445	# of Active Master Gardeners returning
2,825	Combined Volunteers
191,654	Total # of volunteer hours this year x (\$23.56 per hour*) = \$4,515,368
474,105	Total # of in person contacts
3,807,319	Total # of telephone/email contacts
853,123	Total # of miles traveled x (0.54 per mile**) = \$460,686
1,780	Total # of advanced training hours
7,669	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 14, 2017.*The wage rate of \$23.56 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.