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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022





# Looking to the Future









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# Our Partners Make It All Possible

Trumbull Board of Elections, Trumbull Career and Technical Center, Trumbull Community Action Program, Trumbull County Commissioners, Trumbull County Farm Bureau, Trumbull County Historical Society, Trumbull County Jail, Trumbull County Job and Family Services, Trumbull County Youth Build, Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority, Team Sanders Inc., Trumbull County WIC, Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation, Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, Trumbull County Recorder's Office, Trumbull County SWCD, Trumbull County Sheriff's Office, Trumbull County Tourism Bureau, Trumbull County Treasurer Sam Lamancusa and Staff, Trumbull County YWCA, Trumbull County Planning Commission, Trumbull Family Fitness, Trumbull Informed Care Committee, Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation, Trumbull 100, United Methodist Community Center, United Returning Citizens, United Way of Trumbull County, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Warren Bike to Work Committee, Warren City Council, Warren City Environmental Services, Warren City Mayor Doug Franklin, Warren City Police Department, Warren City Fire Department, Warren City Schools, Warren City Water Department, Warren Expressed, Warren Family Mission, Warren Greenhouse, Warren Heights, Warren Heritage Center, Warren Municipal Court, Warren Paint and Glass, Warren - Trumbull CIC, Warren - Trumbull HOME Consortium, Warren Trumbull NAACP, Wells Fargo, Western Reserve Health Department, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, William Swanston Charitable Foundation, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, Youngstown / Warren Regional Chamber and 422 Corridor Project, YSU NEOMED, YSU External Affairs Government Relations and Economic Development.





# Vision & Mission

## Vision

The vision of TNP is to transform communities into meaningful places where people invest their time, money, and energy into their homes and neighborhoods; where residents have the capacity to manage day-to-day issues; and where neighbors feel confident about the future of their neighborhood.

## Mission

The mission of TNP is to empower residents through programming and projects that improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods of Warren and Trumbull County, Ohio.

# Financials

2022\*

## Revenue

Foundations	\$997,183.46
Government/Other Grants	\$436,717.26
Government/Other Contracts	\$135,000.00
Program Income	\$505,032.25
Other Income	\$210,220.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,284,153.61</b>

## Expenses

Operating Expenses	\$232,887.32
Programs	
TCLRC	\$1,086,120.90**
GROW	\$248,687.57
Warren Enriched	\$315,966.66
Building a Better Warren	\$357,976.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,241,638.55</b>

\*2022 Unaudited

\*\* Please see TCLRC Annual Report for TCLRC Financials

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Neighborhood Revitalization in Warren & Trumbull County





# Emergency Home Repair



In 2022, TNP concluded its fourth year of the Emergency Home Repair program. During the year, the focus was to work diligently to secure federal, state, and local government grants as well as private foundation funding. By the end of the year, TNP received over 2 million dollars from the City of Warren, the Trumbull County Commissioners, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Housing Assistance Grant Program, and the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.

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**Emergency Home Repairs Completed in 2022**

**For 2023, the emergency home repair program will continue its goal to increase the number of households helped throughout Trumbull County and be able to keep people safe in their house to preserve the occupancy and structure of the home.**

This year, TNP was able to assist 35 households with emergency home repairs ranging from repairs with roofs, furnaces, hot water tanks, electrical problems, plumbing issues, and accessibility needs. There were eight households completed that were occupied house rehabilitation projects. With those properties, several repairs were able to be done to address items like lead and the structure of the home.





## In 2022 TNP has completed emergency home repairs through the following funding sources:



Housing  
Assistance Grant  
Program

Federal Home  
Loan Bank of  
Cincinnati

Community  
Foundation of the  
Mahoning Valley

Federal Home  
Loan Bank  
Pittsburgh

### Repairs offered include:

- Roofing
- Electrical
- Plumbing & Bathroom
- Furnace / Hot Water Tank / AC
- Other emergency items that make the household unsafe to reside in



**35**  
total  
households



→ **11**  
Other  
Trumbull  
Households  
Served

→ **24**  
Warren  
Residents  
Served





# Trumbull County Land Bank



## Returning Derelict Vacant Property to Productive Use and Creating Home Ownership

The mission of the Trumbull County Land Bank is to return land and vacant abandoned properties to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values, support community land-use goals, and improve the quality of life for all county residents.

TNP and the Land Bank have diligently worked to build wealth in neighborhoods through the acquisition and disposition of properties, which buyers invest their time and resources in to create homeownership opportunities and equity in their property. Started in 2010, the Land Bank has continued to build its programming and impact throughout Trumbull County's neighborhoods. Since its inception, the Land Bank has demolished over 1,500 properties, renovated 500 and facilitated the sale of over 1,700 vacant lots to adjacent property owners, all to create healthier neighborhoods through the remediation of blight and access to homeownership opportunities.



The Land Bank applied for and was awarded \$7.2M through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to demolish 181 commercial and residential structures county wide. TNP on behalf of the Land Bank was able to demolition 27 properties in 2022 with this funding, clearing

vacant commercial and residential eyesores and making way for new development and vacant lot reuse projects. TNP is projecting an additional 150 properties to be demolished in 2023.

## Demolition

**Demolitions Completed**

27

**Private Demolitions**

1

**Total Demolitions Completed to Date**

1,226

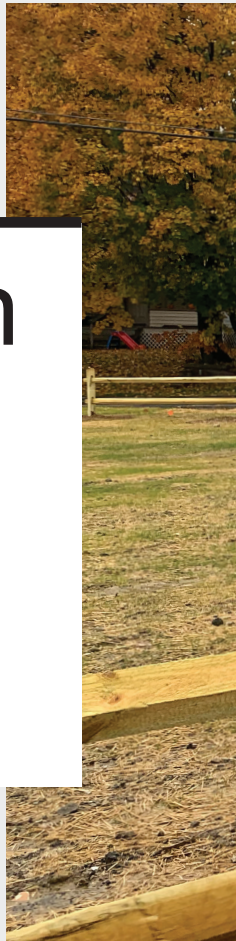
**\$742,549  
Invested  
Countywide  
for Residential  
Demolitions  
in 2022**

**Through the  
Neighborhood  
Initiative  
Program (NIP)**

## Collaboration

After a string of arsons in the City of Warren, TNP and the Land Bank collaborated with the City, Fire Marshall and the EPA to perform emergency demolitions and remove the safety concerns left in the fire's wake.

**We Want You To Love  
Where You Live**



**Building a Better Warren Crew** - A long time problem property in Brookfield was demolished in late-2022, clearing the way for nearly an acre of shovel ready vacant commercial property primed for redevelopment. Due to the proximity to issues noted by the Township, the BABW crew installed split rail fencing around the perimeter of the property to deter driving through or parking on the now vacant lot.



# 1,736

Vacant Lots  
Sold  
(to date)



# 249

Vacant Lots  
Sold  
(in 2022)

## Vacant Land Reuse



## Side Lot Incentive Program

Greening installations on post demo lots, to include split rail fence, vinyl fencing & raised beds, and a community tree planting event on 682 Hall St. in partnership with Plant Ahead Ohio and TNP to plant several trees on a post demo lot that was purchase by a neighbor that would like to bring back the tree canopy in her neighborhood.

# 35



Accessibility modifications and emergency home repairs were completed on owner occupied houses in need of immediate improvement. Funding for these projects was provided through awards from the Housing Assistance Grant Program, Federal Home Loan Banks of Cincinnati and Indianapolis, PNC Bank, Chemical Bank, and the Trumbull County Commissioners.



# 242

Side Lots  
Sold



# 120

NIP post-  
demolition  
properties sold



# 18

Side Lot  
Incentive  
Cards  
Awarded



# 08

Property  
Renovations  
Assisted



# 06

Buildable /  
Commercial  
Lots Sold



# 04

Greening  
installations on  
post demo lots



## Community Investment

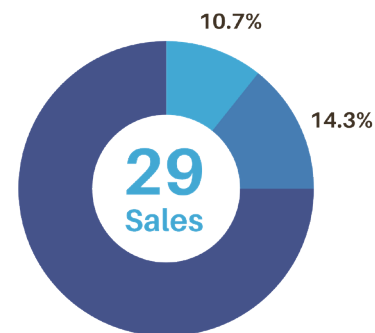
### Property Sales

**\$366,725**

### Private Investment Leveraged

**\$877,000**

## Home Ownership

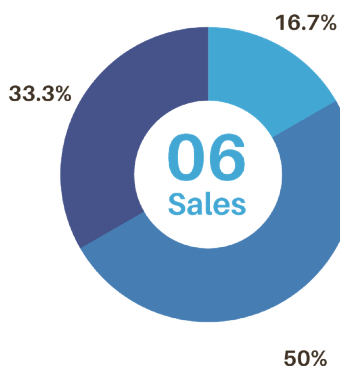


### Houses That Transferred in 2022

**10.7%** Investor Sales

**14.3%** Developer Agreement Sales

**75%** Owner Occupant Sales



### Houses that went under contract through Deed-in-Escrow

**16.7%** Investor Sales

**50%** Developer Agreement Sales

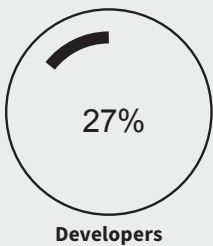
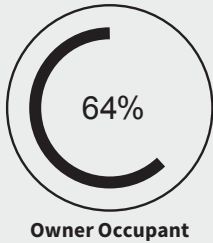
**33.3%** Owner Occupant Sales



**4**

Renovations completed through partnerships with Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. These houses were fully renovated, turn-key ready homes that will provide lead safe affordable housing for the community.

## Improved Properties Sold



# Renewal & Restoration



## Vacant Land Inventory

**9 Agricultural** (126 Acres)  
**76 Commercial** (25 Acres)  
**3 Industrial** (105 Acres)  
**1,237 Residential** (226 Acres)  
**1,325 Total** (482 Acres)

## Inventory Management



## Improved Property Inventory

**12 For Sale**  
**1 Reserved for Renovation**  
**8 Under Contract for Renovation**  
**6 Commercial Structures**  
**27 Total Improved Properties**

**163**  
**Properties Acquired**

### BEFORE

Purchase Price: \$5,000  
 Rehab Amount: \$39,000  
 Market Value: \$65,000



### AFTER

This home was completed through a developer agreement and then sold to an owner occupant as a move-in-ready home.

**3471 STATE ROUTE 5**  
**NEWTON FALLS, OH**





# Brownfields

## 9 Brownfield Projects in Various Stages



**2 BUSTR**  
Bureau of Underground  
Storage Tank Regulations



**6 ODOD**  
**\$6.7M**



**1 USEPA**  
Application



**2 OEPA TBA GRANTS**  
**\$500,000**  
(closed)

### Location

### Funding

### Progress

Former St.  
Joe's Property

ODOD Grant

Demolition began in  
December 2022.

Warren  
Gasification Plant

ODOD Grant

Clearing of the land to  
begin in Spring 2023 in  
order to conduct  
preliminary remedial  
actions on the property.

GE Niles Plant

ODOD Grant

Initial assessment was  
completed in 2022, and  
RFP will occur in early  
2023.

Diversified Resources in  
Champion Township

US EPA Brownfield  
Clean-up Grant

Applied November  
2022 to US EPA  
Brownfield Clean-up  
Grant

The Trumbull County Land Bank applied for a Brownfield Remediation grant through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to perform various brownfield remediation tasks across **6 locations** and was **awarded \$6.69 million**.

The Land Bank, in partnership with TNP, applied for a USEPA Cleanup grant to perform the clean up on the former Diversified Resources site in Champion Township. **(\$1MM)** **2 public meetings** were held to educate the public about the brownfield remediation and end use opportunities.

**Over 500 doors** were knocked on to invite them to meetings and learn about brownfields.

A public meeting was held for Diversified Resources in which **4 residents** attended, and **40 people** attended a meeting held for the former St. Joe's demolition.







# BABW

Building a  
Better Warren  
in 2022

# 6

Full-Time Jobs  
with Benefits  
Created for the  
Residents of Our  
Community

to develop their  
professional skills  
through on-the-job  
training in activities  
that directly benefit  
the community they  
live in

## 61

Detailed intake  
assessments  
on properties  
acquired to  
determine the  
final end-use  
that best benefits  
the community.

## 4,075

Individual  
cuts on vacant  
properties

## 35

Hazardous  
trees  
removed

## 49

Board-ups  
completed  
on blighted  
properties

## 04

Property  
renovations to  
reduce costs  
and in turn  
transfer those  
savings to homebuyers

## 19

Pre-demolition  
properties  
salvaged to reduce  
waste taken to  
landfills

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership's award winning Building a Better Warren (BABW) program connects the need for resident-driven community revitalization with job creation, putting residents to work in full-time and year-round jobs doing the work of blight remediation. The program offers residents training and employment in renovation, deconstruction, landscape installation, and vacant property maintenance in order to stabilize the cities' vacant housing stock, mitigate the impacts of blight, and create home ownership opportunities. Program participants build marketable skills, gain long-term employment, and have the chance to develop professionally, all while directly improving their community.

Over the course of the year, the BABW crew helped conduct a city-wide parcel survey collecting data around the current housing and land conditions throughout the city which will be used to apply for grant funding to help assist in emergency home repairs, seek further demolition funding and plan for green infrastructure.

**BABW was awarded \$10,000 towards general programming from Huntington Bank to continue their efforts towards *revitalizing Warren & Trumbull County.***



TNP was able to pair 3 BABW team members with 2 construction crews for over 400 hours of on-site job training in order to advance their skills and allow them to network in their field. These skills

include, but are not limited to, general carpentry, building decks/porches, installing insulation, hanging/finishing/painting drywall, cabinet/fixture installation and proper placement of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Each team member that has gone through training not only advances their skills and knowledge but is also able to pass the information down to other team members creating a trickle-down learning effect.

**4,075**  
**Yards Cut Within**  
**City Limits**  
**Making 2022 a**  
**Record Year for**  
**BABW**





# COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Uniting people to work together to solve social problems and make the Warren a better place

20  
22



01.



## VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2022, over  
**300 voters**  
were  
registered.

02.



## CONNECTED INMATES

Connected *Trumbull County Jail* inmates to register to vote by working with the sheriff and board of elections, as they went into the jail and did the voting.

03.



## WORLD AIDS DAY

Trauma Informed Care team got **50 residents** to attend and educate the public on HIV.

04.



## MEN OF DISTINCTION

Warren City  
Schools  
**Outreach**  
(Jefferson)

05.



## SUMMER YOUTH CLUB

In partnership with *Trumbull Family Fitness* and *TriYounity Cares*, the **summer youth club** planted their own garden over an 8-week period and learned about urban agriculture. The youth also received coupons to the *Warren Farmers Market* to spend weekly and **explore** local food and growers.

06.



## STEAM ACADEMY

7th grade students worked to develop an **organizing lens** and focus on change they want to see in their neighborhood.

07.



## ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

In conjunction with *Community Legal Aid* and *Girard Tenants Association*, TNP's Community Organizer worked with residents of *Shannon Terrace* and *Liberty Park* to address housing concerns. The *City of Girard Council* recognized the team's efforts and the importance of tenant organizing to **advocate for change** in their housing community.

08.



## BUILDING A BETTER TABLE

In collaboration with *Healthy Community Partnership*, *Environmental Council*, *TNP*, and *ACTION*. The event was held at *Highland Terrace* and was facilitated by *Ohio Voice*, and it focused on **community training** and a power analysis.





# Warren Farmers Market

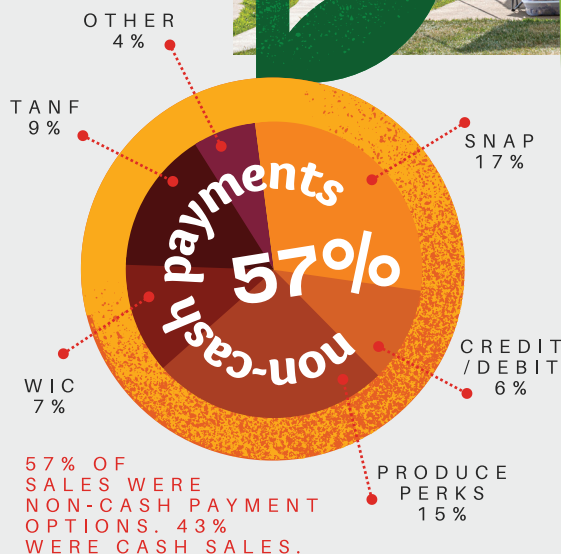
The Warren Farmers Market was held weekly at the Warren Community Amphitheatre on Tuesdays from 3pm to 6pm and continued its vision as an essential resource for the community. The total sales were reported at \$32,624 and the average attendance was tracked totaling 252 weekly, which is up 28% from weekly attendance in 2021. WFM maintained an active and necessary role in civic engagement, providing resources and guidance for the voter registration process

with the help of Fair Shake. Trumbull Art Gallery offered art opportunities every week at the market through their Angels for Art Education Program, and the Warren Public Library offered assistance in library card registration and a book check out kiosk for children. Trumbull County Action Program created a sign up station to enroll preschoolers.



Women, Infants, and Children Farmers Market Nutrition Program distributed vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables. Produce Perks, the Ohio SNAP Produce Double Up program, distributed packets of coupons for individuals who qualify for Temporary Aid for Needy Families. Senior Farmers Market Promotion Program provided coupon booklets to seniors through Direction Home of Ohio.

Through a partnership with Central State University Extension, bimonthly cooking demonstrations occurred for customers to learn a new recipe using fresh produce from the market. It also provided free one hour yoga sessions weekly. The market also partnered with the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County to provide free entertainment.



## Weekly Average Attendance

**252 SHOPPERS**

- 5 RIDES FOR THE YEAR
- AVERAGE OF 10 VENDORS
- WEEKLY MUSIC PERFORMANCES OF ALL GENRES

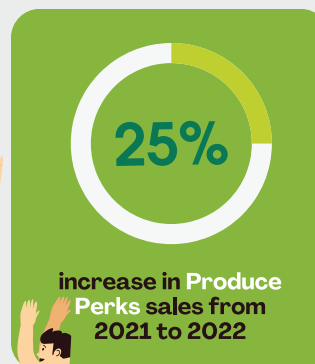


IN 7 YEARS THE SUMMER MARKET TOTALED

**\$211,317**

IN SALES

→ CONNECTED LOCAL FARMS



**\$32,624**

Total Vendor Reported Sales in 2022

# POP Kids Club

The Power of Produce Kids Club gives children an opportunity to try new fruits and vegetables at the market weekly. Kids get to try a new recipe, and participate in activities related to produce. They can also try the Two Bite Challenge, in which they try two bites of the featured fruit or vegetable and receive a \$2 coupon for produce at the market.

Average Weekly Attendance

(kids)

21



POP Bucks

750%

Reimbursement Rate



Since 2015 to today, the Warren Farmers Market has welcomed over **25,000** guests to the market.

## 12 Non-Profit Organizations

participated in sharing their mission



**In 2022, the market serviced over 4,278 shoppers.**

Providing healthy food access to residents of the city of Warren.







# GROW & Community Clean-ups

## Community Clean-up

03.19.22

A Downtown Community Clean Up was held Saturday, March 19, 2022 by Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership (TNP), Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District (GTSWMD), and Express Junk Removal. The 2022 GeoClash Event in June 2022 brought **35 volunteers** out to clean up the Mahoning Riverwalk and collect over **40 bags of trash**. Neighborhood volunteer team leaders and local organizations recruited family, friends, and neighbors to target neighborhoods, parks and public spaces throughout the City of Warren.

## Events & Outreach

Warren Farmers Market Information Session // Farm to Facebook Online Webinar // Soil Health Workshop with Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District // Farmers Market Food Vendor Information Webinar with Warren City Health District // Beginning Farmer Training Program Information Session with Central State University Extension // Native Pollinators // How to GROW Your Food Based Business // Urban Foraging with Lady Bugg // Journaling in the Garden with Kimberly L Ford at Women's Park // Vaping and Tobacco Cessation In-Service with Trumbull County Combined Health District // Trumbull County Master Gardeners Volunteers Community Garden Night Out with Ohio State University Extension // Non-Cash Payment Options for Farmers Market Customers // Canning Class with Central State University Extension // Mahoning Valley Farmers Market Network Meetings // Community Store Events at Lucky 7, Garfield Convenient, and Mac's Market //

TNP provided technical support to the following **17 community gardening projects** during the project year. They include:

Willard Community Garden, Laird Community Garden, Roosevelt Community Garden, Garfield Community Garden, Dickey Community Garden, Paradise Gardens Development, Warren Grown Farm, STEAM Student Community Garden, Porter Street Community Garden, Trumbull Family Fitness and Inspiring Minds Community Garden.



Plants were Provided for

**10**  
Projects

Tilling Support was Provided to



**7**  
Community Garden Projects



**11 Community Gardens** were awarded **\$200 grants** each to grow and distribute produce within their communities.

## In-Kind Donations of Plants and Seeds for Community Gardeners Distributed

### 03.

**A seed catalog was created at the TNP office and was available for the community to utilize.**

## 04.

**Almost 200 volunteers collected over 250 bags of garbage and cleaned up over 21 community spaces 🍋**



05.

Made rakes, shovels, hoes,  
clippers, bags & gloves  
available for **16 gardens**  
and **tiny parks.**

## 06.

**Garfield Gardens received over 50 informational yard signs to educate and engage the community.**



# Beginning Farmer Training Program

Workshops for everything from hydroponics to beekeeping.



## Fastrack Farming Program

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership partnered with Central State University Extension's pilot Fastrack Farming Program in early 2022. The program is designed for individuals interested in becoming a certified farmer, or farmers wanting to expand their agricultural knowledge. Geared primarily towards minorities, those with disabilities, and veterans, the program ran from April through November 2022.

The weekly workshops included topics such as:

**HYDROPONICS, SOIL MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH, PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT, BEEKEEPING, VEGETABLE AND SMALL FRUIT FARMING, FARMING SALES AND BUSINESS, AND MORE.**

Participants also had the opportunity to work on their own farm throughout the course of the program.

07

participants earned  
their certification  
from the program

32

participants involved  
in the program







# Healthy Community Store Program

The Healthy Community Store Program continues to increase healthy food access within convenient stores that offer fresh produce. Two community stores were incentivized with refrigeration and shelving, along with three community store events that promoted the overall program, healthy food offerings, cooking demonstrations, recipe cards and community engagement with store owners and residents.



## Save-A-Step, Mac's, & Watu Market

Additionally, the Healthy Community Store Program was able to expand in Girard, Oh and onboarded Save-A-Step Market to join the program. Also, Mac's Market located on Southwest of Warren, opened for business in October 2022. This is the only Black-owned store food retail on the Southwest side that offers fresh produce. As part of the grand opening, a ribbon cutting was provided with the support of city officials. Lastly, Watu Market implemented a vegetable garden behind the store building to expand healthy food options in the store. This is the only Black-owned Community Store on the Southeast Side of Warren and is the only store in the program that implemented a vegetable garden that creates a sustainable option to have access to locally grown foods.



*The Healthy Community Store Program expanded their marketing options, by distributing fresh produce outdoor signs, and the launching of the new program website featured on TNP's website.*



There are now **11** locally owned convenience stores that offer **fresh produce and other healthy food options** throughout the Warren-Trumbull County area. Among the store owners, is a shared commitment to improving food security in Warren and changing the narrative around what convenience stores offer in our community.

**01**



tnp meets and partners with interested local corner store owners.

**02**



helps connect store owners and produce distributors to sell in their store.

**03**



using grant funds, TNP provides store owners with refrigeration and shelving for produce.

**04**



store owners sell produce and healthy snacks in the stores.

**05**



tnp helps put on store events to highlight the produce, and provides opportunity for exterior murals.

In 2022, the Healthy Community Store Program received a **\$2,720 grant** from the *Ohio Arts Council* to install a mural on a Community Store for 2023.

*Produce sales were tracked at four of the stores, totaling*  
**\$3,336 for the year.**





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