# Annual Report 2013

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Planting day at the Laird Community Garden, an urban agriculture site on Warren's southeast side, established by members of The Movement Church and supported by TNP through its GROW Program.

TRUMBULL NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

# MISSION & VISION

## Neighborhood revitalization in Warren & Trumbull County

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### OUR MISSION

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

### OUR 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.

ABOVE
TNP's Second Annual Park Paint Project with the YMCA's Kids Club and Girl Scout Troop 80588 at Interfaith Park on Niles Road.

BELOW
IN 2013, TNP PARTNERED with Lake-to-River Cooperative and Humility of Mary Health Partners (St. Joseph's Hospital) to establish and manage the Warren Farmers' Market in Downtown Warren's Courthouse Square.

Dustin Garcia and Linsey Goldberg standing in front of their new home at 606 Kenmore SE, purchased from the Trumbull County Land Bank through TNP.

# TRUMBULL COUNTY LAND BANK

## Returning derelict vacant property to productive use and creating home ownership

TRUMBULL COUNTY LAND BANK

The mission of the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation 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.

LEFT
The Historic Hughes Mansion in Warren's Central City Garden District is available for purchase and renovation through the Trumbull County Land Bank and is featured in an issue of "This Old House Magazine."

ABOVE
- 123 side lots sold to neighbors.
- $10,000 distributed amongst 20 side lot purchasers.

**IN LATE 2010**, the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation (TCLRC) was established by the Trumbull County Treasurer's office, with support from the Trumbull County Commissioners and the Trumbull County Prosecutor. The TCLRC and TNP have partnered since the inception of the Land Bank, and have a shared commitment to increase the quality of life throughout Trumbull County by returning derelict property to productive use. In March 2013, TNP entered into a contractual agreement with the TCLRC to assist with residential property sale, transfer, disposition, demolition, and reutilization.

TNP has also partnered with the TCLRC, Warren City and the Trumbull County Planning Commission on the Ohio Attorney Generals Moving Ohio Forward Program to successfully secure $2.2 Million allocated to Trumbull County for the demolition of blighted residential properties.

TNP has created an effective Side Lot Program, giving residents an opportunity to buy adjacent vacant lots for yard expansion at a low price, and ensuring that vacant lots are being utilized and maintained. Since March 2013, TNP has been able to successfully transfer 123 properties through the program. In 2013, Huntington Bank awarded $10,000.00 to TNP for the implementation of this program, which allowed residents who have purchased a side lot through the TCLRC to receive a $500.00 gift card to Lowe's to purchase tools, materials, and supplies needed to make improvements to their new side lot. Lowe's also agreed to provide an additional 10% discount to items purchased with the gift card.

This torii was installed by a Vine Street resident in Warren with help from the Side Lot Incentive Program.

# GROW

## Returning vacant land to productive use

**GROW IS AN URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM** developed by Warren residents and supported by TNP to transform vacant lots into community gardens and to offer education and support for urban agriculture. GROW sites build community, reduce food insecurity and provide a local, accessible resource for healthy foods. The goal of the program is to assist community in the creation and maintenance of local and accessible sources of fresh food as a means to positively impact the health of Warren neighborhoods, and to offer education and outreach around local food issues and support practices that are environmentally and economically sustainable.

ABOVE
Claudia Hamilton teaches a cooking class featuring recipes from Ghana.

**IN 2013, TNP PARTNERED** with Lake-to-River Cooperative and Humility of Mary Health Partners (St. Joseph's Hospital) to establish and manage the Warren Farmers' Market in Downtown Warren's Courthouse Square. Through GROW, TNP also acts as a Warren distribution site for the Grow Youngstown CSA.

In the summer of 2013, TNP partnered with Catholic Charities Regional Agency and Claudia Hamilton, a YSU Graduate Student originally from Ghana, Africa, to teach an African-Style Healthy Cooking Class.

ABOVE TNP partners with the Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District to offer a rain barrel workshop.

**TNP CONTINUES** to address the gap in the local food system and to turn blight created by derelict vacant lots into opportunity for food production. Through GROW and a partnership with the Warren City Schools, TNP directly manages the Warren Community Gardens (WCG) sites at the former Roosevelt, Dickey, and Garfield elementary schools.

TNP offers tools and supplies, assistance with water infrastructure, technical assistance and community outreach to other existing and emerging gardens throughout Warren including the Central City Unity Garden, the Laird Community Garden, Urban Community Victory Garden, and the Garden of Eatin' at Tod's Crossing. GROW partnered with Inspiring Minds' youth gardening program in the summer of 2013, at the Urban Community Victory Garden.

RIGHT TNP assisted staff and residents at Tod's Crossing in creating the Garden of Eatin' on Warren's SW side.

# gregg's gardens

## Revitalizing Warren's oldest neighborhood

TOP
gregg's garden info porch at 195 Belmont.

LEFT
Dennis Blank, volunteer with gregg's gardens, presents at the Vacant Properties Conference, Columbus OH.

### gregg's gardens

2013 was a very successful year for gregg's gardens. TNP's strategic partnership was expanded to include the Trumbull 100, a locally-focused group of philanthropists and community leaders. The Trumbull 100 joined the effort to revitalize Warren's central city neighborhoods, especially the Garden District.

More than $40,000 was raised last year, including $10,000 in the Tom's of Maine "50 States for Good" challenge, in which so many of our supporters were mobilized that gregg's gardens captured the #1 position in the entire U.S. on Tom's Facebook voting site.

Several dozen more wildflower gardens were created, seven stone wall-planters made from material reclaimed from the foundations of demolished houses were built, a stone bench at the Atlantic and Elm garden was created, a beautiful outdoor mural on an abandoned building on Vine Street was created, an "info-porch" at the corner of Belmont and Mercer was developed and given the most stunning paint job in all of Warren.

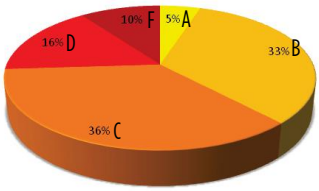
Wait until you see what 2014 brings!

ABOVE An artistic raised bed built entirely from reclaimed materials from vacant houses by Frank Abbott of Harrington House and Gardens.
RIGHT A bench and raised bed were installed at the WGH Memorial Garden, Elm and Atlantic.

BELOW A mural installed by Aaron Chine at Porter and Vine.

# HUD COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT

## Sustainable, resident-driven community development




TNP staff assessed the condition of every residential parcel in Warren, creating a detailed citywide inventory for use as a neighborhood planning tool. Warren has a significant number of vacant properties, the majority of which are salvageable.

**This partnership with** the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Warren, and MVOC has allowed TNP to collect critical data about the overall condition of the city's housing stock and use it towards planning for a better future for the city of Warren and its neighborhoods. The grant focuses on community outreach, citizen engagement, and inclusionary dialogue towards the planning of sustainable community development.

In 2013, TNP engaged more than 100 residents in localized meetings to discuss assets, challenges, and goals facing each neighborhood and to set the stage for a planning process that will join citizen input with comprehensive data. Residents had a lot to say about the positive aspects of diversity, neighborhood leadership, community gardens, and accessibility of local assets. They were concerned with crime, code enforcement, vacant property, and resident apathy. Goals included improving code enforcement and property maintenance, demolition and rehabilitation of housing, and marketing of positive aspects of the city. These ideas, and more will be combined with information from the parcel inventory and TNP will continue to reach out to residents in each neighborhood for specific ideas on action steps for the future.

# COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE

## A sentencing alternative and a tool to fight blight

**TNP continues to** operate a Court Ordered Community Service Program in partnership with the Warren Municipal Court and the Trumbull County Land Bank. Clients are assigned to TNP to complete community service and assist in such the fight against blight including property board-up and maintenance, gardening, and beautification efforts.

In 2013, COCS clients completed over 2900 hours of community service, boarding and securing over 200 properties, conducting 130 maintenance visits, and assisting residents and volunteers with community clean-up events, gregg's gardens, GROW, and other projects.

RIGHT
TNP operates the COCS Program in partnership with Warren Municipal Court and TCLRC.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Collaborating with other local efforts

ABOVE
TNP hosted Summer Youth Program participants from the Department of Job and Family Services, who helped with the fight against blight in Summer 2013.

LEFT
TNP partnered with the Trumbull County Health Department to hire local artist Aaron Chine for the design and installation of a bike rack in downtown Warren, Summer 2013.

TNP was proud to assist in the launch of Warren Soup, a grass roots micro-funding effort. TNP staff member Shawn Carvin appears with Brittainy Stringer and Emma Brown-Simpson, who were awarded funding for their Boys to Men youth development project at the first Warren Soup event held November 23, 2013, at The Movement Church.

TNP participated in the 2013 Make A Difference Day, supporting volunteers in a clean-up effort along the Warren Bike Path.

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# ORGANIZATION

## Partners & Supporters

Residents of Warren & Trumbull County, TCPC, WRPA, TAG, FACT, Warren Bike to Work Committee, Earth Angel Farms, Warren Soup, Inspiring Minds, TCJFS Summer Youth Program, Warren City Schools, Youngstown State University, YNDC, RAC, MVOC, WNLC, warrenexpressed.org, Victory Community Garden, Trumbull County YMCA, Lake to River Food Cooperative, Humility of Mary Health Partners, The Raymond John Wean Foundation, TCLRC, HUD, Warren Municipal Courts, Warren City, Mahoning County, Lead Hazard and Healthy Homes Program, Trumbull County Health Department, CFMV, Huntington, Trumbull 100, Tom's of Maine, PNC Foundation, Dominion Foundation, USDA, NIFA, People's Garden Program, Wells Fargo, US Bank, Home Savings and Loan, Chase Bank.

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| **2013 REVENUE** | | |
| Foundation and Banks | | $ 171,900.00 |
| Program Income | | 246,314.94 |
| Direct Public Support | | 4,792.00 |
| Government Grants and Contracts | | 2,500.00 |
| Other Income | | 5,985.49 |
| Investment Income | | 267.45 |
| | **Total Revenue*** | **$** 431,759.88 |
| **2013 EXPENSES** | | |
| Salaries | | $ 45,778.84 |
| Operating Expenses | | 42,068.42 |
| Contract Services | | 18,625.48 |
| Payroll Fringe Benefits | | 23,945.54 |
| Conferences, Seminars | | 3,285.50 |
| Programs | | |
| HUD | | 108,938.24 |
| gregg's gardens | | 20,262.42 |
| GROW | | 24,244.91 |
| COCS | | 30,432.63 |
| Interns | | 3,250.00 |
| Public Art | | 2,142.00 |
| Fiscal Sponsorships | | 6,978.38 |
| Trumbull County Land Bank | | 80,291.39 |
| Vacant Property Stabilization | | 1,684.70 |
| Side Lot Incentive | | 10,000.00 |
| | **Total Expenses*** | **$** 445,903.33 |

*THE 2013 FINANCIALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN AUDITED.

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