CITY OF CLEVELAND
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PUBLIC HEALTH

Summer Sprout Community Gardening Program

Health, Human Services, and the Arts Committee

October 5th, 2026

Overview of Summer Sprout

- Launched in 1976
- Historically funded by Community Development Block Grant
- Administered by The Ohio State University Extension of Cuyahoga County (OSUE)
- Summer Sprout provides:
  - *Land access*
  - *Water access*
  - *Supplies & services*
  - *Education & technical assistance*

Progress Made in 2026

- Moved oversight to Department of Public Health (CDPH) Food Systems team
- Secured funding from the General Fund
- Hosted first Summer Sprout Town Hall
- Moved some administration responsibilities from OSUE to CPDH Food Systems team
- In process:
  - *Collecting renewal forms from gardeners*
  - *Developing MOU between CDPH & Water Department*

Plans for 2027

- Provide consistent, reliable, & impactful services and supplies
- Continue to collaborate across departments
- Host more gatherings, celebrations, & town halls
- Convene a Garden Leader Advisory Council
- Collect data & stories & communicate out program impact

Thank you!