mission: grow food, build community

The vision of the Cable Community Farm is that our community has abundant access to affordable, healthy food and that our farm is a hub for learning and growing. We value sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration.

Cable Community Farm
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letter from the executive director

Our mission is simple: to grow food and build community. Our values are powerful: sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration. Thanks to you, 2018 was abundant with healthy food and our community is more resilient due to collaborative efforts with our partners.

In 2018, we strengthened our ability to grow food by installing grow lights in the back of the Tool Shed for a Community Seed Starting project. And our Community Hoop House was in continuous use from March until an early freeze in late September. The Community Chicken Coop is in full-swing, with 8 households having an opportunity to care for the laying flock and take home fresh eggs. The Community Apiary produced so much honey that we were able to sell honey at the Cable Farmers Market all summer. And Community Gardeners maintained 42 garden plots at the farm and in the Downtown Garden.

We are building community through partnerships and volunteer opportunities. The trails at the Cable Community Farm are now part of the Town of Cable Trail System and are open for hiking, biking, and snowshoeing. Local Business Heroes support the Vegetable of the Year program and community organizations have furthered our mission through volunteerism and financial support. Volunteers that work in the Growing Together Garden donated over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce to those who need it most.

New signage around the farm makes it possible for visitors to take a self-guided tour and learn what they can do to foster sustainability in their own backyards. Be sure to bring your friends and family by for a visit in 2019!

With gratitude,
Katie Hancock

2018 board of directors Katie Hancock, Candis Hankins, Dorothy Lagerroos, Kristine Lendved, Sarah Letke, Monte Lewis, Emily Stone, Leslie Strapon, and Dodson Thompson
There were 42 garden plots that were tended during the summer of 2018 between the Community Garden, the Hoop House, and the Downtown Garden. That’s a lot of locally-produced fresh, organic produce going straight from the earth to kitchens in our community. Thanks to all of the volunteers who mowed the paths in the Community Garden, repaired lawn mowers, and filled the compost bins! In 2018, we awarded “pollinator awards” to three community garden plots for planting flowers to increase the biodiversity within the garden and provide habitat for bees and other pollinators.

With three interns living in the farmhouse this summer, there was plenty of learning and sharing going on in all corners of the farm. The interns not only gained hands-on experience with sustainable agriculture, they also shared what they had learned through weekly “biodiversity tours”, “pollinator parties”, and open garden events in the Growing Together Garden. These interns, and those that follow in their footsteps, will go on to become leaders in the local food movement.

Volunteers in the Growing Together Garden produced 1,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce to donate to the Cable Area Food Shelf and Free Food Mondays. The 2018 Vegetable of the Year was the carrot! We distributed over 1,000 packets of carrot seed to students at the Drummond Schools, to the community through our Local Business Heroes, and to visitors to our area at the Fourth of July parade. The Cable Community Seed Library provided free vegetable seeds of all kinds for anybody in the community.
Volunteers
Since the Cable Community Farm is an all-volunteer organization, volunteers make everything we do possible! Volunteers worked in the Growing Together Garden, delivered produce to the Cable Area Food Shelf, and planted the Vegetable of the Year garden. We are so grateful for the many hands that lighten the load.

Community Partners
We love to partner with other organizations and businesses in the community! This summer, we provided garden space for the Velo Café to grow some of their produce. We shared a “pollinator intern” with the Cable Natural History Museum and we always enjoy hosting Redbery Storytime! We foster a healthy lifestyle by partnering with the Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association and the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation.

Community Projects
We installed grow lights in the back of the Tool Shed for a Community Seed Starting project. We published a “Farm to Table” cookbook with 100 recipes from community members. The Community Chicken Coop provides an opportunity for 8 households to help care for a flock of laying hens and take home fresh eggs each week.

Community Events
We participated in the Cable Farmers Market, selling extra produce from the Growing Together Garden, honey from the Community Apiary, and pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. We also enjoyed our 6th annual Harvest Dinner at the Cable Community Center in October.
support and revenue:

total: $22,131

expenses:
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