



Glebe Garden Donation Strategies

AFAC Annual Kick-Off March 2, 2019

Glebe Garden Background

- ▶ Last year increased the number of plots to 103
- ▶ Been a community garden for 46 years





Strategy Prior to 2016

Separate 500 square foot Plot for Hunger yielded about 400 pounds of produce

Required a lot of volunteer hours

Strategy for Past 3 Seasons

- ▶ Created central collection area a few years ago
- ▶ Yielded about 800 pounds past 2 years
- ▶ Use shelving system with plastic tubs last season



Strategy for Past 3 Seasons Continued

- ▶ Encouraged gardeners to let us know when they would be away during growing season so volunteers could glean for them and donate to AFAC.



Pros and Cons to New System

- ▶ PROS:
- ▶ Everyone donates a little bit of their excess so more community-oriented
- ▶ Collecting twice as much as one plot yielded in the past
- ▶ Less backbreaking work than a separate plot

- ▶ CONS:
- ▶ Have to find and coordinate more volunteers to take food to AFAC almost every day. This is hard for people who have regular work hours
- ▶ Produce can spoil if not taken every day

