Growing a Crop of 21st Century Innovators:

Adapting our Learning Garden to Changing Times

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PCC Sustainability Background

• **2006**
  – Board passes Sustainable Use of Resources Policy B-707
  – District President signs ACUPCC

• **2009**
  – First Climate Action Plan is signed by District President

• **2010**
  – Hired first permanent Sustainability Manager

• **2011**
  – Began partnership with Community Environmental Services at PSU

• **2013**
  – Fourth GHG inventory is completed, and second STARS report is completed
Rock Creek Learning Garden
Evolution

• 2006
  – Established by a Portland State University graduate student
  – Department of Environmental Quality grant received for worm bin

• 2010
  – First Learning Garden master plan drafted
  – Grant funds from campus administration and students funded infrastructure.

• 2011-present
  – Expanding Learning Garden to many campus constituents

• Target 2014
  – Sustainable Agriculture degree and certificate
Humble Beginnings...
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sowing seeds-growing minds-cultivating community
Child Development Center
Community Raised Beds
Terra Nova-Beaverton School District

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PCC Loop Concept

- Educational components
- Pre and post consumer waste programs
- Composting systems
- Soil amending
- Learning Garden row crops and raised beds
- Harvest to PCC food service
Collaborations: Art in the Garden
Welding
Invasive Species Cobbler
Vermicompost Delivery
Presidential Luncheon
Thank you!

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