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Dear Prospective Garden Partner,

The Huntingdon Community Garden, on behalf of Reinvision Huntingdon, is seeking businesses and organizations that would like to be the primary caretakers, or "Garden Crew Members," of the Community Garden for the span of one month during the growing season (May-October). The garden is located on the south-facing slope below the former William Smith Elementary School at the corner of 5th and Moore Streets. Last growing season the garden produced over \$1,000 worth of produce that was donated to the Salvation Army, the Drop-In Center, Meals on Wheels, and the Soup Kitchen. We plan to expand this year, effectively doubling or tripling the garden's productivity, so your efforts for a month over the season would be most welcome!

Ryan Gibboney (Executive Director of Reinvision Huntingdon) and Nick Miller (local farmer and Reinvision Huntingdon board member) will be present at most--if not all--of your garden sessions to offer support, training, and guidance, so no gardening experience is necessary. Duties may include mowing, mulching, planting, harvesting, weeding, and donating.

In exchange for your efforts we can add your name to our list-of-donors sign on-site at the garden and include you in our list of sponsors on our website--not to mention the satisfaction of working outside and supporting your community!

If you're interested in becoming a partner, please answer the following questions via email. You may send them to [reinvisionhuntingdon@gmail.com](mailto:reinvisionhuntingdon@gmail.com).

1. *What is the name of your organization?*
2. *Who should we contact? Please include Name, email, and phone number of the main contact.*
3. *Which month(s) would suit you best? Please list two months that could work for your organization.*
4. *How many Crew Members will you be bringing from your business or organization?*

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to getting our hands dirty with you!

Sincerely,

Ryan Gibboney  
Founder, Reinvision Huntingdon, Inc.



## Our Story

ReInvision Huntingdon (RIH) was started in the fall of 2015 as an organization focused on community input. Founder Ryan Gibboney, a Huntingdon native, relocated back to the area following a nomadic lifestyle residing in 7 states over 10 years. As a woman run organization, Ryan brings her education based on creativity and communication, her drive to see revitalization through positive community partnerships, and a fascination for unique community input. "Starting a nonprofit was never a part of my 5 year plan once returning to PA. However, I began realizing that I had knowledge and experience from past revitalization initiatives that I was not sharing with my community."

A few of our recent accomplishments include the first full year of the Small Projects Big Ideas Grant, the creation of the Huntingdon Community Food Garden, a series of Public Community Discussion Meetings, the Vacant Spaces of Huntingdon series, in addition to assisting Huntingdon Borough Mayor Brown in revitalizing the Boom Town initiative led by borough merchants to create and facilitate borough based events.

The first year of the Small Projects Big Ideas grant funded four projects totaling \$2,400 of local beautification endeavors. RIH worked to facilitate and accept the grant submissions that were shared with local donors in a blind review process. Many awesome project submissions were received in our first year. We plan to continue this initiative for years to come and look forward to the beautification that will accrue over time from this grant.

Three Public Community Discussion meetings were held in 2016 with attendees vastly ranging in age and demographics. Following a spring 2016 meeting, a small team of garden and food

enthusiasts emerged. This team worked to create a proposal focusing on educational garden programming, planting workshops, harvesting instruction, and food preservation demonstrations. The Huntingdon Community Center and Borough of Huntingdon accepted this partnership proposal with RIH and work began in the spring of 2016 to revitalize the vacant elementary school yard.

The Huntingdon Community Food Garden was able to donate over \$1,100 of sustainably grown produce back to local organizations that feed our community. The garden is located at 5th and Moore Streets and is growing quickly as a positive community initiative being featured on local evening news stations in addition to print publications.

In our first year RIH has heard first hand from the Huntingdon community that their initiatives and public discussion meetings have sparked positive vibrations among local organizations, elected officials, and educational institutions. This positive energy is a key part of our mission to facilitate community development by creating a positive atmosphere to share ideas and to strengthen our community through project based revitalization.

Over the next decade Ryan and the ReInvision Huntingdon team hope to inspire others to see places we can continue the revitalization. Over time we can all contribute to the building a vibrant community in Huntingdon through various revitalization initiatives, projects, and programming brought to you by ReInvision Huntingdon. Working together as a community we are stronger. We look forward to being a local staple for positive revitalization initiatives in the Huntingdon area.



## About Us

A local revitalization organization, Relnvision Huntingdon works with the community to identify and execute projects based on community input. Dedicated to the belief that conversation ignites change, we focus our initiatives on community input.

Our mission is to facilitate community development by creating a positive atmosphere to share ideas and to strengthen our community through project based revitalization.

Our initiatives vary throughout the year focusing on the needs of the community. Our projects encourage partnerships with other organizations, community input, participatory idea sharing and individual expression of ideas.

In the next 30 years, RIH hopes to create united organizations, community members, politicians, and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in revitalization. We hope you will join us in our journey to Relnvision Huntingdon.

## Board of Directors

Relnvision Huntingdon is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation organized to raise funds and provide other support to the Huntingdon community. Founded in 2015, Relnvision Huntingdon is governed by a volunteer board of directors who share our mission to transform the ethos of Huntingdon through the creation of revitalization initiatives as well as programming to support such initiatives.

### Get in touch!

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Founder, Executive Director

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