



# Environment

Half the world will soon live in water-stressed areas<sup>1</sup>

## FEEDING A COMMUNITY'S SOUL



Albany, New York. Known for politics, arts, entertainment, and now... blueberries!

Lion Greg Sheldon runs Albany Victory Gardens, where volunteers gather to share gardening knowledge

and grow food, activities that bridge social, economic, and diversity gaps prevalent in the community. It's a place that feeds the souls of the gardeners – nearby residents – as it builds self-reliance, provides food to low-income residents, and enhances the urban environment.

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When Sheldon learned land adjacent the

Gardens was being cleared of abandoned houses, he was determined to see the once-vacant urban lot up-cycled into an agricultural oasis benefitting his community. Through a partnership between Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Anthem Foundation, committed to improving public health, local Lions used sweat equity to bring a blueberry orchard to life.

Equally as important as yielding nutrient-dense fruit, the 200 bushes Lions planted attract pollinators, improve air quality, and increase agricultural yield. Said Sheldon, “Our orchard puts food on tables as it improves the environment and feeds the community's soul. LCIF and Anthem support gives new meaning to the term ‘seed money!’”



# A Challenging Environment

North America faces unprecedented water shortage issues, climate change is wreaking havoc, and pervasive pollution threatens our health. The challenges are palpable; good stewardship of our environment is key.

**~50%**

**of basins supplying most U.S. fresh water could fail to meet demand starting in 2071**  
*Shortages will create food insecurity<sup>2</sup>*



**110M+**

**live in counties with unhealthy pollution levels**  
*~100,000 premature deaths annually as a result<sup>4</sup>*

**8.1°F**

**global temperature rise = \$520B impact on U.S. annually**  
*by 2100; loss second only to India<sup>3</sup>*

**Energy Saved Making Products from Recyclables:**

- Newspaper 40%
- Plastic 70%
- Glass 40%<sup>5</sup>

## THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

**Temperature Up/GDP Down**

Average annual .072°F global temperature rise = 7.22% reduced world GDP per capita by 2100<sup>6</sup>

**500 million people+**

live in areas affected by erosion linked to climate change<sup>7</sup>

**~7 million lives lost**

annually from air pollution<sup>8</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

### Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Protecting our environment protects our children, families, and communities. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

**MATCHING GRANTS**  
fund construction and equipment costs

**US\$10,000 - US\$100,000**

**DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**  
apply to district and club projects

**GRANT AMOUNT VARIES**

**LEO SERVICE GRANTS**  
fund Leo projects

**US\$1,500 - US\$5,000**

[lcif.org/environment](http://lcif.org/environment)

SOURCES/NOTE: <sup>1</sup>World Health Organization; <sup>2</sup>Common Dreams; <sup>3</sup>Columbia University; <sup>4</sup>New York Times; <sup>5</sup>National Institutes of Health; <sup>6</sup>CNBC; <sup>7</sup>United Nations; grant limits subject to change



**Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

The environment is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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