

# UF/IFAS Florida Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

2024 Annual Report

The Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program trains a select and dedicated group of citizens on the latest science-based landscape and gardening information developed by the University of Florida. These certified volunteers support UF/IFAS Extension efforts by sharing this knowledge with residents in their communities to help conserve and protect natural resources and to improve the lives of Florida residents. In 2024, the program made major impacts across the state by dramatically increasing the number of people contacted through their outreach efforts.

**3,798**

## Total Master Gardener Volunteers

The program grew in size again this year with volunteers in 58 of Florida's 67 counties

**594**

## New Master Gardener Volunteers

New Master Gardener Volunteers are trained in counties where they will serve

**\$11,022,691**

## Monetary Value of Volunteer Hours

Current estimations place the value of a Florida volunteer at \$31.61 per hour

**302,916**

## Clientele Served in the Community

Clientele were served through plant clinics, events, and community gardens

**39,506**

## Hrs. of Education Received by Volunteers

Each Master Gardener Volunteer received a minimum of 10 hours of continued education

**348,709**

## Total Hours Donated by Volunteers

Active Master Gardener Volunteers donated an average of 100+ hours each

**167**

## Full Time Employee Equivalency

Hours donated by MGVs were equal to 167 full time employees

