

Groovy Greens, LLC

2025 Annual Benefit Report - Addendum to Form 15-8898

Since form 15-8898 itself has limited space for text we have chosen to expand on the information included on the form in this document. The ***headings in bold and italic reflect form 15-8898***. The *underlined and italic headings reflect the statute which defines specific public benefits*.

3. (i) A narrative description of the ways in which the benefit company pursued general public benefit during the year and the extent to which general public benefit was created.

During 2025, Groovy Greens, LLC created public benefit in the following ways:

(1) providing low-income or underserved individuals or communities with beneficial products or services:

- In 2025 Groovy Greens donated a total of \$510 and 5.5 lbs of excess fresh produce to local Food Banks worth \$82; specifically to the Quakertown Food Bank, the Lord's Pantry in Ottsville and the New Jerusalem Food Pantry of Hellertown.

(2) promoting economic opportunity for individuals or communities beyond the creation of jobs in the normal course of business:

- None

(3) preserving the environment:

- Adaptive re-use of buildings & materials
 - Groovy Greens operations are carried out in buildings and greenhouses previously used as a garden center. By re-using existing infrastructure we are reducing the impact on the environment.
 - Raised beds were made from old fencing and garden soil from a landscaping customer.
 - Tables used at the previous garden center were modified for growing greens.
- Minimizing non-renewable resource use
 - At the outset of Groovy Greens, we chose to use growing media with a base of coconut fiber, rice hulls and compost, all "waste" products, in order to minimize the use of peat, which is essentially a non-renewable resource. Over the years we have encountered a number of challenges with growing in coconut fiber based media, which we tried to overcome with the addition of compost and other soil amendments, with only partial success. As a result, in 2023, we filled new outdoor table beds with compost-based raised bed media that contains a certain percentage of peat. We also successfully trialed compost-based potting mix containing peat for growing lettuce seedlings. Its use led to increased production

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quality and quantity of our greens. In 2025, we successfully utilized a local compost source for addition to beds and seedling production

- We compost and re-use all our growing media which has significantly reduced our off-farm inputs related to growing microgreens since the beginning of 2023.
- We provide returnable packaging to the vast majority of our customers in the form of organic cotton bags and recyclable plastic containers; customers increasingly bring their own containers.
- Minimizing waste
 - All organic materials including greens and growing tray wastes are recycled via on-site composting.
 - The disposal of approximately 940 single use plastic bags and 260 plastic containers was avoided through the use of returnable packaging in 2025.
- Minimizing chemical use
 - Groovy Greens employs organic growing methods, although not certified organic, we use natural fertilizers, soil amendments and pesticides. Since 2024 we have significantly reduced the quantity of these substances by improving the biology in the growing media and soil.

(4) improving human health:

- Groovy Greens provides fresh local produce to the community; which due to its freshness, variety and organic growing methods, is healthier than typical store-bought salad greens.
- Groovy Greens' focus is on increasing the nutrient density of the food grown and we are constantly working on improving the taste and quality of our greens.

(5) promoting the arts, sciences or advancement of knowledge:

- Nothing to report

(6) promoting economic development through support of initiatives that increase access to capital for emerging and growing technology enterprises, facilitate the transfer and commercial adoption of new technologies, provide technical and business support to emerging and growing technology enterprises or form support partnerships that support those objectives:

- Not applicable

(7) increasing the flow of capital to entities with a public benefit purpose:

- Not applicable

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(8) the accomplishment of any other particular benefit for society or the environment:

- One of our stated goals is to “foster community spirit”, we feel we have benefited our customers and local community by offering in-person pick up where customers interact with Groovy Greens staff and experience chance encounters with other customers. Many community connections have been made and supported during these pick up periods.
- No customer appreciation events were held in 2025 due to lack of available time by the Managing Member.
- In 2025, Groovy Greens participated in a start-up farmers market in the local area which resulted in significant community interaction.

3. (ii) the ways in which the benefit company pursued any specific public benefit that the certificate of organization states is the purpose of the benefit company to create and the extent to which that specific public benefit was created:

There is no specific public benefit stated on the certification of organization for Groovy Greens, LLC, however, on our website we state the following:

“In addition to growing and selling our food in an environmentally conscious manner, our stated public benefits are as follows:

- To provide healthy, delicious and nutrient dense food for local people, including those in need
- To provide educational opportunities for local people to learn about growing food, composting and improving soil health
- To foster community spirit”

We have accomplished these purposes by the activities set forth at 3(i), above.

(iii) any circumstances that have hindered the creation by the benefit company of general or specific public benefit:

The Managing Member was elected to public office and the volunteer capacity reduced, less time was available to further enhance public benefits.

3. (iv) the process and rationale for selecting or changing the third-party standard used to prepare the benefit report:

Groovy Greens is an urban-style farm growing salad greens on tables in a small greenhouse and in ground beds at two locations. In selecting our third-party standard in 2020, we reviewed a number of standards, including B-Corp and Rodale’s Regenerative Agriculture standards. The Food Alliance standards were chosen since they were found they are the most suitable for our operation.

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The Food Alliance certifies agricultural operations, food processors and distributors that ensure:

- Safe and fair working conditions.
- The health and humane treatment of farm animals.
- Reduced risk from pesticides and other toxic or hazardous materials.
- Protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat and biodiversity.
- Conservation of soil, water, and energy, and reduction and recycling of waste.
- Transparent and traceable supply chains.
- Food product integrity, with no genetically engineered or artificial ingredients.
- Continual improvement of management practices.

Food Alliance is a non-profit organization, its certification body has clear, publicly available standards and is a credible and effective way for producers and food companies to demonstrate their commitment to sustainable management practices.

The Food Alliance has several different sustainability standards, one of which, the Whole Farm Evaluation Tool, is for crop producers which covers all fruit, vegetable, nut, cereal, pulse and other crops. This is the main standard against which Groovy Greens operations are assessed. The Operational Efficiencies section from the Food Alliance's Nursery Greenhouse's Evaluation Tool was also utilized in order to capture some important environmental measures such as energy and resource use not included in the Whole Farm Evaluation Tool.

It is important to note that whilst Groovy Greens operations were assessed against these Food Alliance standards, it was a self-evaluation and has not been audited or certified by a third-party standards provider. (This is allowable by law as set out in Chapter 15 section § 8898). The Benefits Director making the Annual Compliance Statement is independent of operations at Groovy Greens.

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4. An assessment of the overall social and environmental performance of the benefit company against a third-party standard applied consistently with any application of that standard in prior benefit reports or accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for any inconsistent application.

Overall Evaluation Score: 87% (including fixed criteria)

The Table below shows a summary of scores (self-evaluated by the Benefits Officer and checked by the Benefits Director).

Section Heading	Food Alliance Evaluation Tool	
	Whole Farm Evaluation Tool	Nursery Greenhouse Production Evaluation Tool
Integrated Pest, Disease and Weed Management, and Pesticide Risk Reduction	97%	
Soil and Water Conservation	82%	
Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity Conservation	61%	
Safe and Fair Working Conditions (for Employees)	N/A	
Operational Efficiencies		88%
Fixed Criteria (no GMOs and no Prohibited Pesticides)	100%	
OVERALL EVALUATION SCORE		85%

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Key areas for Improvement identified using the Food Alliance Evaluation and other Tools are shown in the table below with associated 2025 implementation notes and actions for 2026.

Food Alliance KPIs	Status (2025 Notes)	2026 Actions
Reduce no. of pests and use of pesticides	<p>Our goal is to grow the most healthy plants that are virtually immune to insects and diseases by balancing minerals and improving soil biology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Few insect pest problems were encountered - Bt used to control army worms</i> • <i>Aphids were a minor problem</i> • <i>Yellow jacket wasps became an issue late summer when they invaded the outdoor table beds - it was necessary to use insecticide to destroy the nest in order to keep using the beds</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to work on improving soil and plant health which increases plants defenses against pests and diseases. 2. Further protect crops from mammalian pests.
Reducing towns water use	<p>In progress - unable to measure directly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increased length and frequency of watering GG table beds to better manage crop health</i> • <i>Very dry conditions in 2025 led to a decrease in lettuce production in in-ground beds</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install gutter and rain barrels to collect rainwater for use in hand watering and foliar applications. 2. Consider overhead/sprinkler watering of lettuce beds
Reducing energy use	<p>In progress - unable to measure directly</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore grants available for on-site renewable energy production. 2. Look into energy use of fans, fridge and lights - produce energy profile.
Increasing biodiversity & wildlife	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A basic Biodiversity and Wildlife Plan is in place</i> • <i>Native planting area at WLA overrun by mugwort and blackberries due to lack of time available to manage</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor beneficial insect and bird life. 2. Maintain native plantings 3. Remove invasive autumn olive trees at WLA.
Increasing biological activity in soils and growing media	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soils and media were tested in Dec 23, amendments</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to monitor biological activity in all media and soil.

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	<p><i>added per test, they will be re-tested in 2026</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Added locally made compost to all beds in the Spring</i> • <i>Continued using Bio-tone fertilizer containing beneficial microbes - resulted in very successful plant growth and reduced the need for other amendments</i> 	
Reduction in use of off-farm sources of growing media, nutrients and amendments	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use of compost made on-farm for growing microgreens was very successful and reduced the use of coconut coir significantly</i> • <i>Continued using Bio-tone fertilizer containing beneficial microbes - resulted in very successful plant growth and reduced the need for other amendments</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to monitor nutrient density in plants
Increasing use of local suppliers and materials	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>69% of supplies purchased (by value) was from either regional or local vendors</i> • <i>Spending at local vendors increased from 50% to 65%</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to source materials as locally as possible
Increasing Community Farm Stand use and Food Bank donations	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>\$510 was donated to local Food Banks in 2025</i> • <i>Post Office location attracted donations</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider different shelving system at Post Office to keep the produce free of road dust
Increasing public education benefit	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No separate classes were offered in 2025 due to time and space limitations</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repeat Open House and offer mini workshops at farmers market
Increase nutrient density in leafy greens grown	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BRIX is an imperfect measure of nutrient density in plants. Leafy greens</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to improve media and growing techniques which should increase quality and nutrient density of greens

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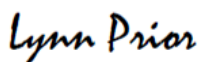
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	<p><i>grown at Groovy Greens are consistently relatively low in BRIX.</i></p>	
<p>Reduce use of peat based potting mix and raised bed media</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>VCC potting mix and raised bed media contains peat, a non-renewable resource. The potting mix resulted in healthier lettuce seedlings and better lettuce production than previous coir based mix made on farm.</i> • <i>Refreshed table beds with locally made compost and other amendments - no peat was added in 2024 or 2025</i> • <i>Used locally made compost and vermicompost based potting mixes successfully in 2025</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to use local compost based potting mix for growing lettuce seedlings 2. Continue to refresh table beds with compost and other amendments not containing peat

Benefit Director Statement

Although not required of Benefit Companies, Groovy Greens, LLC has opted to elect a Benefit Director, whose annual statement appears below:

Groovy Greens, LLC is committed to making a positive impact on both society and the environment by upholding organic growing practices, responsibly managing soil, utilizing eco-friendly packaging, repurposing materials, reducing waste, and providing healthy, nutrient-dense food to local food banks and families. The company also strives to foster a strong sense of community.

Sincerely,



Lynn Prior
Benefit Director
2/17/2026