



# 2024 Annual Report

## SOIL outdoor learning lab

**Cultivating an innovative  
outdoor horticulture and  
education facility rooted in**

- community engagement
- educational and economic opportunity
- multigenerational collaboration
- cultural and ecological stewardship and
- healthy living practices

**for the benefit of all  
in Southwest Colorado.**





# Growing an inspired community

## SOIL Community Garden: Cultivating even more positive impacts in 2024

In its second growing season, the SOIL Community Garden increased yields...more harvest, more student activities, more community programs, more learning, more fun!

- 2,419** PreK-12 students visited during field trips
- 381** College students visited during field trips
- 50** Community garden beds rented through Durango Parks and Rec
- 5** Service projects completed with partnering organizations
- 7** Free community workshops
- 47** Volunteers logged 225 hours
- 480** Pounds of produce donated

Scan to watch more 2024 highlights.



## SOIL Grow Dome: Fostering innovation, year-round

Before construction was complete, the most recent phase of the SOIL Outdoor Learning Lab was already inspiring students this Fall. Students applied lessons about energy and ecosystems to design features that improve year round growing capabilities.

In addition to some of these students' ideas, the Grow Dome will feature:

- 1400 square feet of climate protected growing space
- Students experimenting with innovative technologies
- 4000 gallon fish pond for temperature stabilization
- 200 gallon aquaponic system
- Agrivoltaic demonstration combining solar panels with agriculture
- Year round field trip and community program opportunities



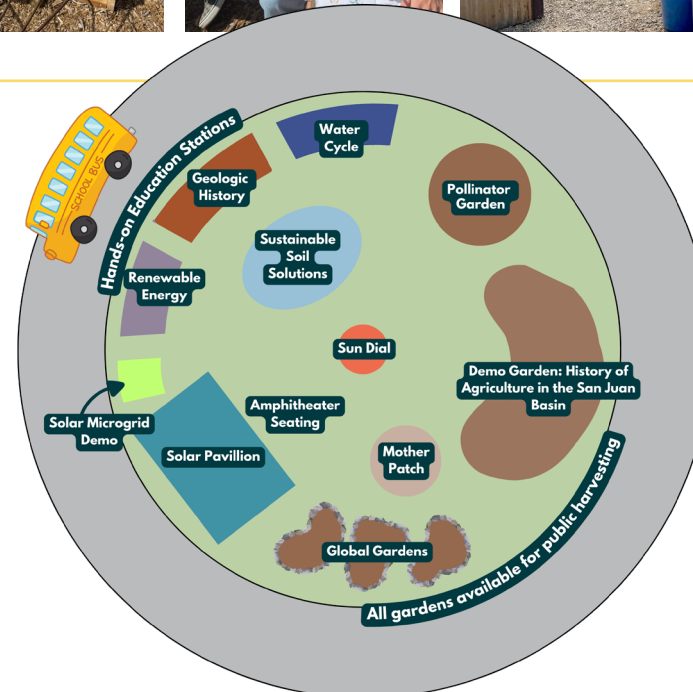
Scan to watch students in action designing the dome features!



## SOIL Hub: Making sustainability fun for everyone

Scheduled to open in 2025, this public experiential learning facility will feature:

- Sustainable energy demonstrations
- Cultural heritage gardens
- Interactive earth science exhibits
- An amphitheater...and more!



The Hub will have something for everyone! Please help us reach our fundraising goal to make the SOIL Hub a reality in 2025. Find more information on the back page.



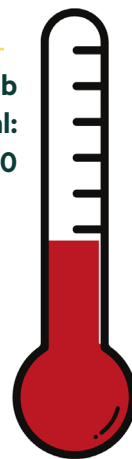
Scan to learn about a community member's inspirational legacy project, a pollinator garden that will bring people and nature closer together through art. Coming in 2025.





# Become a SOIL Hub supporter!

SOIL Hub  
Fundraising Goal:  
\$250,000



Thank you to the current foundations, businesses, organizations, and private donors who have already committed to our \$250,000 project goal. Consider joining them to make the SOIL Hub a reality in 2025!

The Michael and Elaine Moravan Foundation

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Scan to donate to the SOIL Hub today!

## Thank you, Grow Dome and Community Garden sponsors

**Grow Dome** Operational January 2025



Seth and Jody Furtney

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**Community Garden** Opened June 2023, fully funded from private donors and business partnerships

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