



# The Lab Report

March 2023

Join SOIL's first-ever Work Party!

## BUILD THE BEDS AT SOIL

### Volunteer Work Party!

Sunday, April 23rd 10:00am - 3:00pm

2900 Mesa Ave, Durango CO 81301

LUNCH  
PROVIDED!



Sign up for a shift  
and bring your  
enthusiasm.

We'll handle the  
rest!

Come one and all! Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and get your hand in the dirt? We're hosting our first Volunteer Work Party on April 23rd at the garden. We'll have work stations and tools set up for constructing nearly 70 garden beds, assembling irrigation lines, and fence line reinforcement. Whether you sign up for a 2.5 hour shift or spend the day with us, you'll **be a critical part of our progress towards a successful first growing season** (plus you'll get lunch 😊)!

I want to  
help!

## Introducing SOIL's Garden Manager



Say a virtual, "Hello!" to our Garden Manager, Allison Riederer. Allison brings a wealth of experience in systems design, project management, and health equity programming to the project. Prior to joining the SOIL Team, she spent time working at Mercy Hospital, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Utah. When not at the garden, you can find Allison trail running, laughing with friends, or scouring thrift stores for hidden treasures.

Allison is hard at work planning events and collaborations from across our Four Corners community at SOIL. If you or your organization want to get involved or brainstorm ideas for how to get involved, please reach out to her by email ([ariederer@durangoschools.org](mailto:ariederer@durangoschools.org)) or phone (970-316-2336).

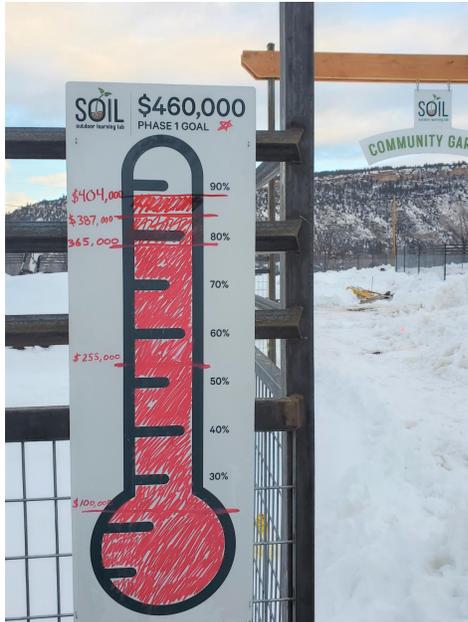
## Progress Report



*Students across the district are getting excited to dig in!*

Get ready to see some action in the garden! We are excited to report that **SOIL is on track for our projected June 1, 2023 opening date**. As temperatures warm and the ground dries, you'll see more and more work happening in and around the garden. Community volunteers will be building 70 garden beds as work crews are digging trenches for irrigation and routing power to the space. **We'll be looking for all the help we can get between now and June 1st!** If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, please join us ([sign-up link](#))!

## Closing the Gap



The SOIL Team is actively seeking cash and in-kind donations to get us to our goal of \$460,000 for Phase 1. We have come SO FAR with our fundraising thanks to this incredibly generous community. It's hard to believe, but we still have a little ways to go.

Donations will fund capital projects critical to SOIL's mission such as, a shade pavilion, a well-stocked tool shed, automatic drip irrigation lines to all garden beds, and an outdoor cooking space.

Donate  
Today



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Grow

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