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The City of Inver Grove Heights Parks and Recreation last month received national recognition from Burpee Home Gardens for having one of the top five youth gardening programs in the country.

The city's Salem Hills Community Plots was recognized for its youth and service learning opportunities.

Five other groups and schools from Washington, D.C., Tampa, Florida, Waterford, Michigan and Nashville, Tennessee also received the honor, among 220 applications.

The 'I Can Grow' Youth Garden Award assists schools and community gardens that demonstrate youth-centered educational programs with an emphasis on nutrition and food production, according to the Burpee Home Gardens website.

"We received an overwhelming number of quality applications for the second annual 'I can Grow' program and it was difficult to select just five deserving winners," W. Atlee Burpee Company Chairman and CEO George Ball said in a statement.

"The growing popularity of the program demonstrates the increasing value and interest in vegetable gardening among younger and novice gardeners."

The city's Salem Hills Community Garden Plots provides 140 community youth with gardening opportunities.

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