

# AN ODE TO GTECH

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GTECH has grown but continues to play.  
How it got started? Well, let us just say-  
A CMU robot  
Worked on the first lot  
About ten years ago today.

On a brownfield and elsewhere in 2008,  
Sunflowers helped to demonstrate  
That plants aren't just pretty-  
They do work that's gritty.  
They feed, they fuel and they remediate.

In 2009, GTECH's focus had been  
A healthy economy with jobs not yet seen,  
So youth got connected,  
And their jobs intersected  
Community projects with all things green.

For the new decade, GTECH had a fresh plan.  
With it enacted, some real growth began.  
Still at home in the Junction,  
Exploring waste oil's function,  
The team just kept turning 'can't' into 'can.'

2011 was a year of collaborations.  
Shared services led to inspired creations-  
Like Larimer Garden, today still there  
(That's pronounced like 'car' - not like 'care')  
And a shared CFO for Fiscal Administration.

2012 was especially full  
And a strategic plan was the primary tool  
To reorganize  
And categorize  
Into ReClaim, ReEnergize, and ReFuel.

Investigate, Act, Connect, Sustain,  
Our methodology, and 2013's refrain,  
Meant more data collection  
And social connection  
That led to sustainable, community gain.

Our Ambassadors made 2014 a blast.  
They designed and implemented projects quite fast.  
From South to McKeesport  
And back to the North,  
The program, now solid, was ready to last.

In 2015, we began making Green  
(Playces, that is, with kids and with teens).  
Whether flat or on hills  
GTECH projects build skills  
And inspire communities to make playces routine.

Last year was more than a bit bittersweet.  
Our founder (who's last name means 'seller of meat')  
Left us, but with the presumption:  
GTECH still had its gumption,  
Plus a new ED, and a mission not yet complete.