



The Growing to Green 'Hub' Gardens – 12 x 2012

12 by 2012

This initiative is to celebrate 12 community garden educational hubs throughout the area that can act as sites for educational outreach, be examples of community garden best practices while garden leaders act as mentors to other nearby gardens to establish a strong community gardening network. Through the Franklin Park Conservatory's Growing to Green Community Garden Program and supported by JP Morgan Chase, this initiative presents Hubs or satellite gardens that can be utilized by new start up gardens for additional resources and networking.

In selecting these hub gardens we looked both geographically and at how these gardens are addressing five key mission areas:

- Celebration of culture
- Youth participation and education
- Job training
- Food production and feeding the hungry
- Nutrition programming



1.) Franklinton Gardens

902 W. Rich Street, Columbus OH 43223

Franklinton Gardens is a nonprofit urban farm located in Franklinton, a historic neighborhood on the west side of Columbus, Ohio. The garden is dedicated to growing and sharing healthy food, creating beauty in abandoned places, promoting nutrition and active living, and building community with neighbors. Initially the garden was started by the Living Community Church to promote local food access, job training for the homeless and plots for Franklinton residents. They now have multiple garden locations and high tunnel greenhouses. They sell fresh organic produce to local restaurants and have an EBT friendly market stand. Franklinton Gardens has won multiple Growing to Green awards along with the Mary Funk Community Garden Award and the Gardens for Good Natures Path Gardening Competition. The garden has been featured in the Atlantic, UK Guardian, and Organic Gardening.

Nick Stanich, info@franklintongardens.org.

www.franklintongardens.org

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Franklinton-Gardens/118743081475691>

2.) Mid Ohio Food Bank Community Garden

3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123

The Mid Ohio Foodbank operates an on-site Community Garden. The garden offers a learning experience for both community volunteers and families in need. Hands-on opportunities allow people to learn about how to grow food, eat healthier, and manage their food budgets. With around 1,400-square feet of growing space, the garden has contributed over 3,700 pounds of produce annually for the emergency food system. The garden also features a rain catchment system, greenhouse, and composting barrels. It sits right outside of Mid-Ohio Foodbank's Kroger Community Pantry.

Kaitlyn Stuckert, KStuckert@midohiofoodbank.org

<https://www.facebook.com/midohiofoodbank>

3.) Four Seasons City Farm

1101 Bryden Road Columbus, Ohio 43205 (Old First Presbyterian Church)

Four Seasons City Farm is committed to building a sense of community and renewing the urban neighborhood by beautifying the area, by turning abandoned lots into gardens, by creating a self-sustaining and cooperative food production system, and by demonstrating a sense of hope, belonging and spiritual renewal through sharing the garden work. Currently, City Farm is working to create a sustainable program through weekly sales at local farmers' markets, as well as through distribution to local grocers and restaurants. All proceeds from these sales go directly back into expanding the urban garden program.

Margaret Ann Samuels- fourseasonscityfarm@gmail.com

<http://www.facebook.com/FourSeasonsCityFarm>



4.) Highland Youth Garden

69 South Highland Avenue, Columbus OH 43223

This Columbus west side garden has earned the coveted Growing to Green awards for best Community Garden of the Year, Youth Leadership and Community Gardener of the Year. The goal of this group is to help grow food for the families that live between two closed recreation centers and to focus the energy of the neighbors, many having lost their jobs, into positive, productive gardening activities. This successful project resulted in a unique collaboration among the Hilltop residents, the faith-based community, local non-profit groups, and youth programs. This garden now serves hundreds of youth in the community and area schools with nutrition and garden education programming.

Peggy Murphy, Garden Leader- psmurphy@wowway.com

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Highland-Youth-Garden/157164387682173>

5.) St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Garden

2875 E. Livingston Avenue Columbus, OH 43209 (Behind Bishop Griffin Center)

Through this project, the creators of the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Garden attained a lofty goal: to strengthen community ties and bonds among neighbors by leading them to gardening. They utilize produce in the on-site pantry while Hispanic residents in the neighborhood are growing and sharing their culture through food. Educational and culinary programs are offered. This garden has won multiple awards through the annual Growing to Green Awards program.

Marge Telerski, Garden Leader- rtelerski3318@wowway.com

6.) Upper Arlington Lutheran Church Community Garden

3500 Mill Run Dr. in Hilliard, OH 43026.

The focus is on maximizing production of vegetables for donations resulted in an efficient method of sequencing multiple crops for a longer growing season and using companion planting techniques. Amazingly, through the efforts of the garden team they have generated more than 10,000 pounds of produce annually from this community garden. This produce has been donated to a number of hunger relief programs, among them the Hilliard summer free lunch program, the Victory Mission, and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The entire garden has survived a move from their former site and now is growing even closer to the church building. Todd Marti, Garden Leader todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com

7.) International Harvest Garden

1919 Frank Road Columbus, OH 43223 (Behind Children's Services Bldg.)

Franklin County is proud to offer two gardens – Frank Road, southwest of downtown, and Mound Street located in the heart of downtown Columbus. Here gardeners can grow their own fruits and vegetables, mingle with and learn from other gardeners, and are a part of a growing national movement toward making healthy and organically grown food available for all.

These garden projects are spearheaded by Franklin County Commissioners and assisted by Growing to Green and Franklin County Master Gardeners.



At Frank Road, plots are laid out for Franklin County residents in a half acre fenced area while strong Bantu Somali participation has another area nearby for growing of their cultural crops. They have recently expanded to more garden space for growing with the Burmese community.

Beth Miglin, Garden Leader- miglin1@mac.com

www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Commissioners/Community-Gardens

8.) Ganther's Place

Ganther's Place Vegetable Garden & Stage

573 Whittier Street Columbus, OH 43206

The new vegetable garden and park was dedicated on June 25, 2011. The annual Jazz and Arts Festival was also held in this park. The raised vegetable beds hold cabbage, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and strawberries. The park has also hosted weddings!!!

Ganthers Place Park for All People

566 Reinhard Avenue This park features many perennials, solar lights, music piped in through speakers, a memorial garden, and a state-of-the-art Juliana Green House. The park is host to several events throughout the year. The space was dedicated in 2008 and has come a long way from the once empty lot.

Allan Carrel, Ken Williams Garden Leaders- Kenneth.8083@yahoo.com, ganthersplace@gmail.com, <http://www.weareganthersplace.com/>

9.) Weinland Park Community Garden at Godman Guild

303 East Sixth Avenue Columbus, OH 43201

Godman Guild Association has a long history of successfully serving the needs of the Central Ohio community. The Weinland Park Community Garden (WPCG) began in 2005 as a part of the Teen Education and Employment Network (T.E.E.N.) program's work to inspire youth to appreciate and support environmental preservation. The garden is planted on the grounds of Godman Guild Association at 303 E. Sixth Ave in the heart of Weinland Park. Since it was begun in 2005, WPCG has helped local youth to see the results of planting, nurturing and harvesting. The garden has turned a barren, unfruitful land into a place of beauty for the entire community to enjoy. Free garden programming and classes are often held in the garden.

Terry Althouse, Garden Leader, terry.althouse@godmanguild.org
<http://www.godmanguild.org/youth-family-services/garden/>

10.) New Harvest Café Ama Vera's Garden

2455 Cleveland Ave Columbus, OH 43211

"Ama Vera's Community Garden and Urban Farming initiative began in 2003 on a small plot of land adjacent to the New Harvest Café on Arlington Ave in Greater Linden. The garden was dedicated and named "Ama Vera's Garden" in loving memory of Vera Breckenridge a resident Greater Linden area who was murdered in a shoot-out on Arlington Ave near the garden.



Agricultural education and training opportunities are provided for youth and residents. Urban Farming is used as a tool to establish local sustainable food sources, identify and establish alternatives to incarceration using agricultural education, and by developing neighborhood training and educational opportunities as it relates to neighborhood beautification, crime reduction, economic development and community involvement. Kwodwo Ababio, Executive Director kababio@aol.com and Tress Augustine, Garden Manager act-tress@live.com
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/New-Harvest-Cafe-Urban-Art-Center/120229157988766?fref=ts>

11.) St. Stephen's Community House Project AquaStar

1500 e. 17th avenue
Columbus, OH 43219

Project AquaStar is St. Stephen's Community House's commitment to addressing the food insecurity epidemic prevailing in the Linden Community. The objective and anticipated outcome is to diminish hunger by allowing families to produce their own nourishment. Families will learn about composting, aquaponics, organic foods and gardening. The community will benefit with opportunities for volunteering, tours and special events. Aquaponics is a synergistic growing technique in which fish and plants are grown together in the same systems. Garden Manager, Henry Pettigrew hpettigrew@saintstephensch.org
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Stephens-Community-House/70011916886>

12. The Charles Madison Nabrit Memorial Garden

1200 Brentnell Ave
Columbus, OH 43219

Opened in 2014, CMNMG@CCAF is a 3,850 sq. foot garden space in the rear of The Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, a church housing an historic, 105+ year-old, predominantly black congregation. The garden is a living legacy to Charles Madison Nabrit's commitment to holistic health, self-determination, education and community service. CMNMG@CCAF's mission is to: (1) increase affordable access to organic produce; (2) increase awareness of the spiritual and cultural connections to gardening within black and brown communities; (3) increase children's exposure to functional STEM studies; and (4) increase economic self-sufficiency and sustainability in the garden, in our homes and in our community. The garden offers weekly Farmers Markets for its community members. The garden is aesthetically appealing, bio-diverse, educational, entrepreneurial, organic, self-sustaining and collaboratively in sync with the community.

Garden Leader, Paula Penn-Nabrit, info@telosinc.org
<https://www.telosinc.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/TelosTraining>