



Growing to Green Hub Gardens

In 2012, Growing to Green selected twelve community gardens throughout central Ohio to serve as gardening education centers for their communities and as inspirational resources for anyone interested in community gardening. These well-established gardens and urban farms excel in serving their neighborhood by providing increased access to fresh, healthy food, and developing programs for youth education, job training, nutritional education, and cultural enrichment.

1.) Franklinton Gardens

902 W. Rich Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Franklinton Gardens is a non-profit 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 its neighbors. The initial garden was started by the Living Community Church to promote local food access, job training for the homeless and plots for Franklinton residents.

There are now six garden locations and a high tunnel greenhouse. Fresh, organic produce is sold to local restaurants and have a market stand for residents and take EBT cards.

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2.) Mid-Ohio Food Bank Community Garden

3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH 43123

The Mid-Ohio Foodbank operates an onsite community garden that offers learning experiences 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 Food Bank's Kroger Community Pantry.

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3.) Four Seasons City Farm

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

Four Seasons City Farm is committed to building a sense of community and renewing our urban neighborhood by beautifying our 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 our urban garden program.

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4.) Highland Youth Garden

69 South Highland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223

This west-side garden has earned Growing to Green awards for Community Garden of the Year, Youth Leadership, and Community Gardener of the Year. This garden was started with the intention to help re-focus the energy of its neighbors, many who have 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

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5.) St. Vincent dePaul Family Life 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

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6.) Upper Arlington Lutheran Church Community Garden

3500 Mill Run Dr, Hilliard, OH 43026

With a focus on maximizing crop production, the team at this community garden generates more than 10,000 pounds of produce annually to be donated to various hunger relief programs, including the Hilliard summer free lunch program, the Victory Mission, and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The garden has developed an efficient method of sequencing multiple crops for a longer growing season and using companion planting techniques.

Todd Marti, Garden Leader

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7.) International Harvest Garden

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

Franklin County is proud to offer two gardens - Gantz Road, southwest of downtown, and Mound Street located in the heart of downtown Columbus. These gardens provide plots for individuals to grow their own fruits and vegetables, mingle with and learn from other gardeners, and be a part of a growing national movement toward making healthy and organic food available for all. These garden projects are spearheaded by the Franklin County Commissioners and assisted by Growing to Green and Franklin County Master Gardeners. The gardens receive strong participation from Columbus' Bantu Somali and Burmese communities.

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8.) Ganther's Place

Vegetable Garden & Stage

573 Whittier Street, Columbus, OH 43206

Dedicated on June 25, 2011, this garden produces cabbage, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, and strawberries in raised beds, and is also the setting for a Jazz and Arts Festival and social events.

Ganthers Place Park for All People

566 Reinhard Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206

Dedicated in 2008, this park features perennials, solar lights, music piped in through speakers, a memorial garden, and a state-of-the-art Juliana Greenhouse. This park hosts several social events throughout the year.

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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 began in 2005 as part of the Teen Education and Employment Network's work to inspire youth to appreciate and support environmental preservation. The garden is planted on the grounds of Godman Guild Association. Since its inception in 2005, the garden has helped local youth 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. They often hold free garden programming and classes in the garden.

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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 of the greater Linden area who was killed near the garden. The garden provides agricultural education and training opportunities for youth and residents. It uses urban farming as a tool to not only provide local, sustainable food sources, but to 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.

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11.) Epworth Veggie Garden at Epworth United Methodist Church

5100 Karl Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

Initially set up as a pantry garden for the church, this project evolved into an opportunity for the youth in the congregation to learn where their food comes from while doing a community service. It has spawned several remote sites for gardening, programming and food donations. Their Pre School and Day Care center utilize the garden as well. Epworth's ministries reach beyond the church walls and into the community; not only Northland, but throughout the region and around the world.

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12.) Native American Indian Center (NAICCO) Community Garden

67 East Innis Avenue Columbus, OH 43207

NAICCO's community garden first began as a cultural garden that grew a variety of Native American ceremonial plants to be used for traditional purposes. The garden now includes fruits and vegetables to supplement the on-site food pantry. A large mural on the building adjacent to the garden, created by a Navajo member of the local Native American community. The garden's goal is to create an outdoor space where Native Americans can gather and hold social and cultural events.

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