Building Community from the ROOTS Up

Community Gardening Programs

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What is a Community Garden

"Any piece of land gardened by a group of people."

- American Community
Garden Association (ACGA)

WHY?

- To meet community needs
 - Land access
 - Community Beautification
 - Food Access/Hunger
 - Market Gardens
 - Fun Socialize
 - Education

Types of Community Gardens

- Neighborhood and/or community gardens
- Educational and teaching opportunities
 - School gardens
 - Job training sites
- Gardens supporting families, immigrants, food banks or shelters
- Demonstration and display gardens
- Therapy gardens

Getting Started

- IDEA Form a group
- Site Identification
- Contracts and Agreement
- Source Funding
- Design and Plan
- Build
- GROW!





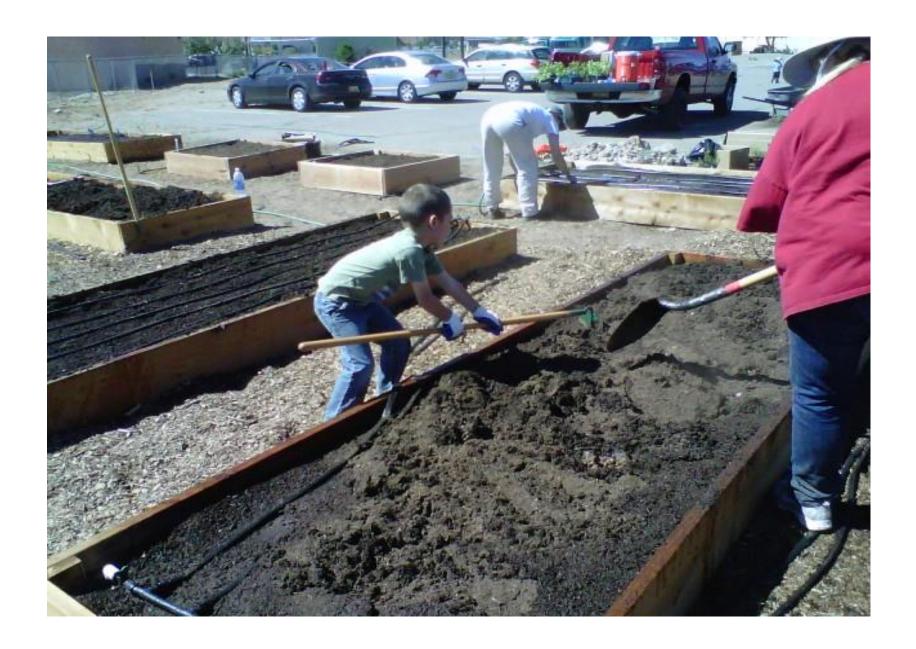








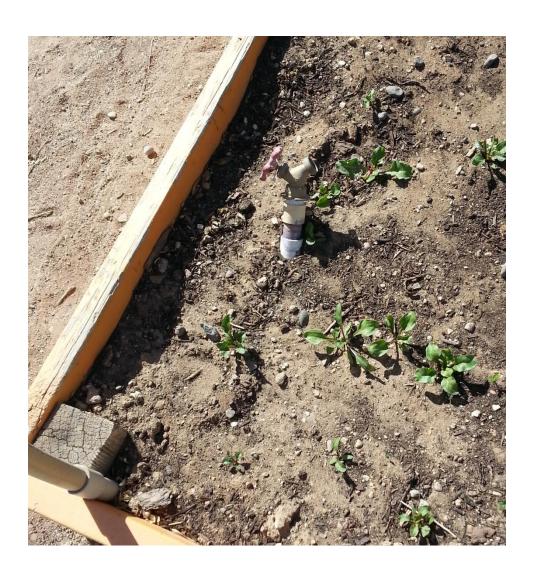




















































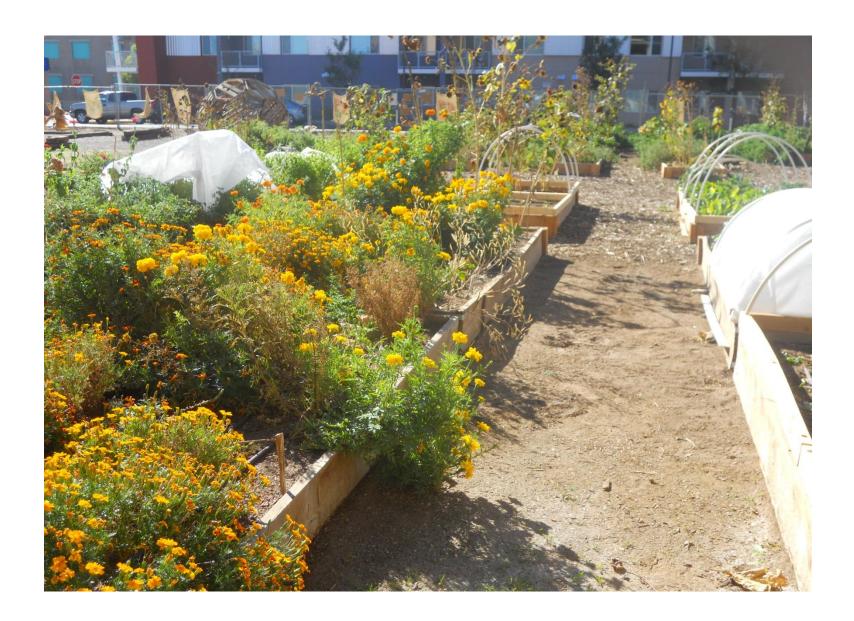


Put the "Community" in your Community Garden!

- Encourage each other to maintain your plots
 - (visual areas that are maintained and kept will help to gain community support)
- Encourage individual involvement
- Local organization involvement (4-H, Master Gardeners, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, faith communities, etc...)
- Include non-typical or lesser asked groups

CHALLENGES

- Growing season, weather, water
- Vandalism
- Insects, Pests, Disease, Weeds
- Neglect
- Funding
- Helpful yet uninformed folks



Credits

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THANK YOU

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