



#### Resources:

American Community Gardening

Association,

<https://communitygarden.org/>

University of Florida, Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences

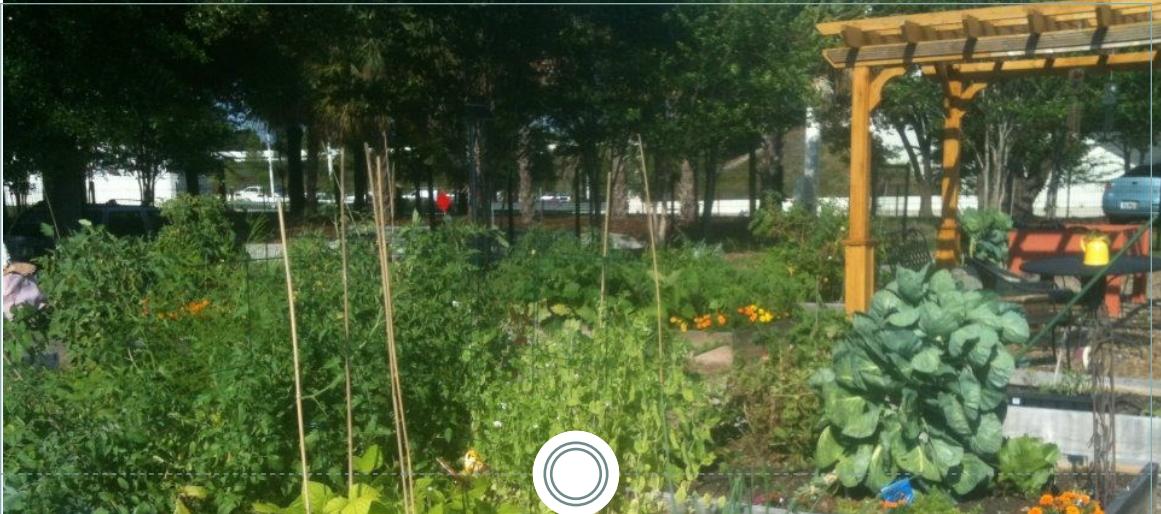
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## The Coalition of Community Gardens

MISSION STATEMENT: The Coalition of Community Gardens is a network of community gardens and other allied entities who partner to support the success of community gardening by sharing knowledge, resources, experience; support public policies; and increase community gardening in the West Central Florida area.



## Community Gardening

### The benefits of community gardening—

- ◊ Adds to the quality of life
  - ◊ Exercise
  - ◊ Fresh, organically grown veggies
  - ◊ Get to know your neighbors
- ◊ Provides opportunities for social engagement & education
  - ◊ Intergenerational interaction, cross cultural connections
  - ◊ Children learn where their food comes from
- ◊ Beautifies the neighborhood
  - ◊ Reduces crime
  - ◊ Improves property values

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# Community Gardening in the Tampa Bay Area



- Bartlett Park Community Garden, St. Pete. Andrea Hildebran Smith, 1443 Highland St. S, St. Pete
- Euclid Heights Community Garden, Desiree Sims, dls1231@gmail.com
- HOPE Community Garden, Suzette Dean, 4902 N. 22 St., Tampa, [bministr@yahoo.com](mailto:bministr@yahoo.com)
- Mustard Seed Garden at Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lutz. 601 Sunset Lane, Lutz, Ardell ONeal, [adosr6@gmail.com](mailto:adosr6@gmail.com)
- Oldsmar Organic Community Garden, 423 Lafayette Blvd, Oldsmar
- Plant City Commons Community Garden. Karen Elizabeth, 2001 E Cherry St. Plant City
- Progress Village Community Garden, Pearl
- Robes Park Village Community Garden. Reva Iman, 3518 N Avon Avenue, Tampa
- Seeds of Faith Community Garden at Bay Life Church, Cindy Paulhus, 1017 N Kingsway Rd, Brandon
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- Seminole Hts Community Garden, Colleen Parker, 6011 N Highland Ave., Tampa [info.shcg@gmail.com](mailto:info.shcg@gmail.com)
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- Sustainable Living Project, 918 W Sligh Ave. Will Carey, [slpgeorgea@gmail.com](mailto:slpgeorgea@gmail.com),
- Tampa Bay Community Garden at St. Mary's Ethiopian Church, Fr. B, 679-4982
- Tampa Hts Community Garden, Kitty Wallace, Lena Young Green, 992-0940
- Temple Terrace Community Garden, Travis Malloy, 329 S Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace
- Temple Terrace Farm2School Garden, Elizabeth Lieb, [ttfarm2school@gmail.com](mailto:ttfarm2school@gmail.com),
- University Area Community Garden, Daniel Cupps, 14013 N 22 Street, Tampa
- VISTA Gardens, Carrollwood, [bw.vistagardens@gmail.com](mailto:bw.vistagardens@gmail.com), 13572 South Village Dr.,
- Ybor Street Community Garden, 2924 Ybor St.
- Lisa Meredith, Extension office, Hillsborough:
- Susan Tyler, Extension office, Polk,
- Wade Reynolds, Michele Ogilvie, Hillsborough MPO.
- David Whitwam, Whitwam Organics.

## LIVABLE COMMUNITY

What is a livable community?

Quality of life factors make a community more livable.

Community Gardening has an impact on each quality of life factor:

Community Gardens make a community more livable:

- ⇒ Environment
- ⇒ Economic prosperity
- ⇒ Social stability & equity
- ⇒ Educational opportunity
- ⇒ Culture
- ⇒ Entertainment
- ⇒ Recreation

*Flowers grow in flower gardens, vegetables grow in vegetable gardens, and communities grow in community gardens.* ☆

## JOIN (OR START) A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Having nutritious food options available is a key in maintaining strong public health.

One particularly fun initiative that can ensure healthy food for everyone is a community garden, in which volunteers of all ages can grow healthy fruits and veggies.

In addition to getting exercise through gardening and learning to grow their own food, children who take part in community gardening will have the unique benefit of establishing lifelong healthy eating habits.

When kids take part in food production, they are usually much less hesitant to try out new fruits and veggies at dinnertime.



*Fresh vegetables from the Tampa Heights Community Garden*