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SPRING 2021



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OUR MISSION: PARTNER TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER, ONE MEAL AT A TIME, TO CREATE A FUTURE WHERE EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO NOURISHING FOOD.



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Hello Food Growers of mid-Michigan!

We have missed you and hope you have been staying healthy and connected. 2020 certainly made us change our "best laid plans" but we were honored to support our community through the challenges of the year. Despite one third of the community gardens in our network being closed due to the pandemic, Garden Project estimates the 69 gardens that remained open, produced a whopping 868,000 pounds of fresh produce, grown by you!

Many of you shared that gardening helped you keep healthy food on your table and brought joy and connection during a very hard year. *Here are a few reflections from your fellow gardeners:*

"This was my first time successfully growing my own food and I am so proud that I was able to do this. I know I will continue to build on this first experience and hope to continue to be able to share my excess produce with my neighbors and local free food stands."

—2020 Home Gardener

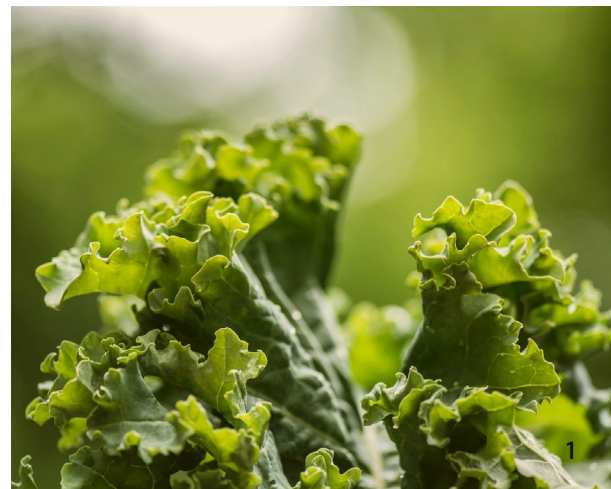
"My garden was essential to our sanity during our family's isolation/lockdown. Having a garden to plan, develop and grow gave us space to play and learn more about plants and caring for them, harvesting, etc. I'm going to miss it terribly when it hides under the snow and ice"

—2020 Home Gardener

"I want to share that we have harvested 1,342 pounds of produce, along with 233 pounds of donated produce, for a total of 1,575 pounds of produce distributed to approximately 75 people. We still had broccoli, tomatoes(!), and sweet peppers in our garden, as of 10/14/20!"

—Williamston United Methodist Church
Food Bank Gardener

In 2021 we will continue to adapt our plans to keep the community safe, but we can't wait to connect with you and support your growing. It is so important that we all help where we can. We encourage you (some of the finest growers in the area) to start planning now to grow extra for donation this year! We also encourage you to reach out for help if you need it too.



WANT TO GROW YOUR OWN FOOD?

Decide which type of garden is right for you!

A **Grow-Your-Own garden** gives you the opportunity to eat, give away, preserve, donate, or sell what you grow; it's your choice! You do the work, you reap the rewards.

A **communal or donation garden** will give you the chance to give back and build community. Once you've decided on the type of garden, you may still have many community gardens to choose from.

Is location most important? Community culture? Water access? Raised beds? Every garden is different! For full descriptions of each garden and contact info specific to each site, please visit our website.

Garden Project only registers the 18 gardens listed starting on the bottom of this page but **MANY, including those listed in the shaded box, would welcome your participation!**

VISIT WWW.GLFOODBANK.ORG/GARDENS, OR CALL US AT (517) 853-7809, FOR MORE INFO ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT A GARDEN NEAR YOU.

LANSING – EASTSIDE

Holmes Street Garden
Learning Leaves Garden*
Pegasus Garden*
Rooster Square*

LANSING – WESTSIDE

Delta Presbyterian*
Garden of Eden at St. Stephens*
Old Oakland

NORTH LANSING & DOWNTOWN

Cedar Street School*
First Presbyterian Church*
Old Town Community

OUTER INGHAM COUNTY

Der Happy Hollow in Mason
Mason Community Garden*
Williamston United Methodist*
Williamston Explorer

LANSING – SOUTH

123 Garden*
Averill Woods Community
Everybuddy Eats*
Feed My Sheep
Garden of Grace
Robinson Memorial*
Salvation Army*
St. Casimir Moore's Park
St. Mike's*
Tithe Baptist Church
Unitarian Universalist
Village Summit*
Webster Farm

EAST LANSING – MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

Edgewood Village*
God's Glory at St. Luke's *
Room 411 at Kinawa
St. Paul Lutheran*
Wardcliff

EATON COUNTY

Grand Ledge Community Garden
Harvest at Allve*
Union St. Community Garden

CLINTON COUNTY

Bath Community Garden*
Gardens on Scott Rd. in St. Johns
Northpointe in DeWitt*

FURTHER NORTH!

Coleman Community Garden
Harrison County Read & Feed



The gardens listed in **bold** denote **Grow-Your-Own gardens** with plots available to the general public. Gardens with an **asterisk** denote sites that have a communal or donation focus.

USE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGES 4-6 TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING 18 LANSING AREA COMMUNITY GARDENS. AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL PLOT SIZE IS 625 SQUARE FEET.

NORTH LANSING

Airport – 2027 W State Rd, 48906
Largest of GP gardens.
Water Source: solar powered pump fills tanks for hand watering

Otto School – 500 E. Thomas St, 48906
Small friendly garden, fills up fast!
Water Source: hose

LANSING'S EASTSIDE

Armory – 626 Marshall St, 48912
A no-till garden with multiple plot sizes.
Additional \$5 water fee/plot and community service hours required.
Water Source: hose

Foster – 2325 Marcus St, 48912
Located next to the Resource Center, very high organic matter.
Water Source: tanks filled for hand watering

Paradise – 550 S. Foster Ave, 48912
Located next to Resource Center, very high organic matter.
Water Source: tanks filled for hand watering

Slater Park – 2701 Hopkins Ave, 48912
All organic, no till-garden. Leadership opportunities available – contact GP!
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels/hose

SOUTH LANSING

Clifford Park – 550 E. Mt. Hope Ave, 48910
Has a new layout, irrigation system and no-till section! Also an extended plot clean-up deadline for growing options until mid-November!
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels for hand watering

North School – 333 E. Miller Rd, 48911
Popular garden with playground on premise. Leadership opportunities available – contact GP!
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels for hand watering

Orchard Court – 5745 Orchard Ct, 48911
Shade pavilion makes for popular neighborhood gathering space. Additional \$10 water fee required/plot.
Water Source: tanks filled for hand watering

Hill – 2815 Wise Rd, 48911
Now completely no-till. Fills up fast!
Water Source: tanks filled for hand watering

Risdale – 2400 Reo Rd, 48911
Now fully fenced! Located in public park & has space available. Leadership opportunities available – contact GP!
Water Source: hose (gardeners must provide their own 4-way water key)

DOWNTOWN & WESTSIDE

Letts – 1220 W. Kalamazoo St, 48915
Expanded this year but fills up fast!
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels for hand watering

Grace Lutheran – 528 N. MLK Jr, 48915
Small, raised beds with easy parking. Option to have wheelchair accessible beds placed – contact GP.
Water Source: hose

ELF – 804 Clyde St, 48915
Small, friendly garden.
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels for hand watering



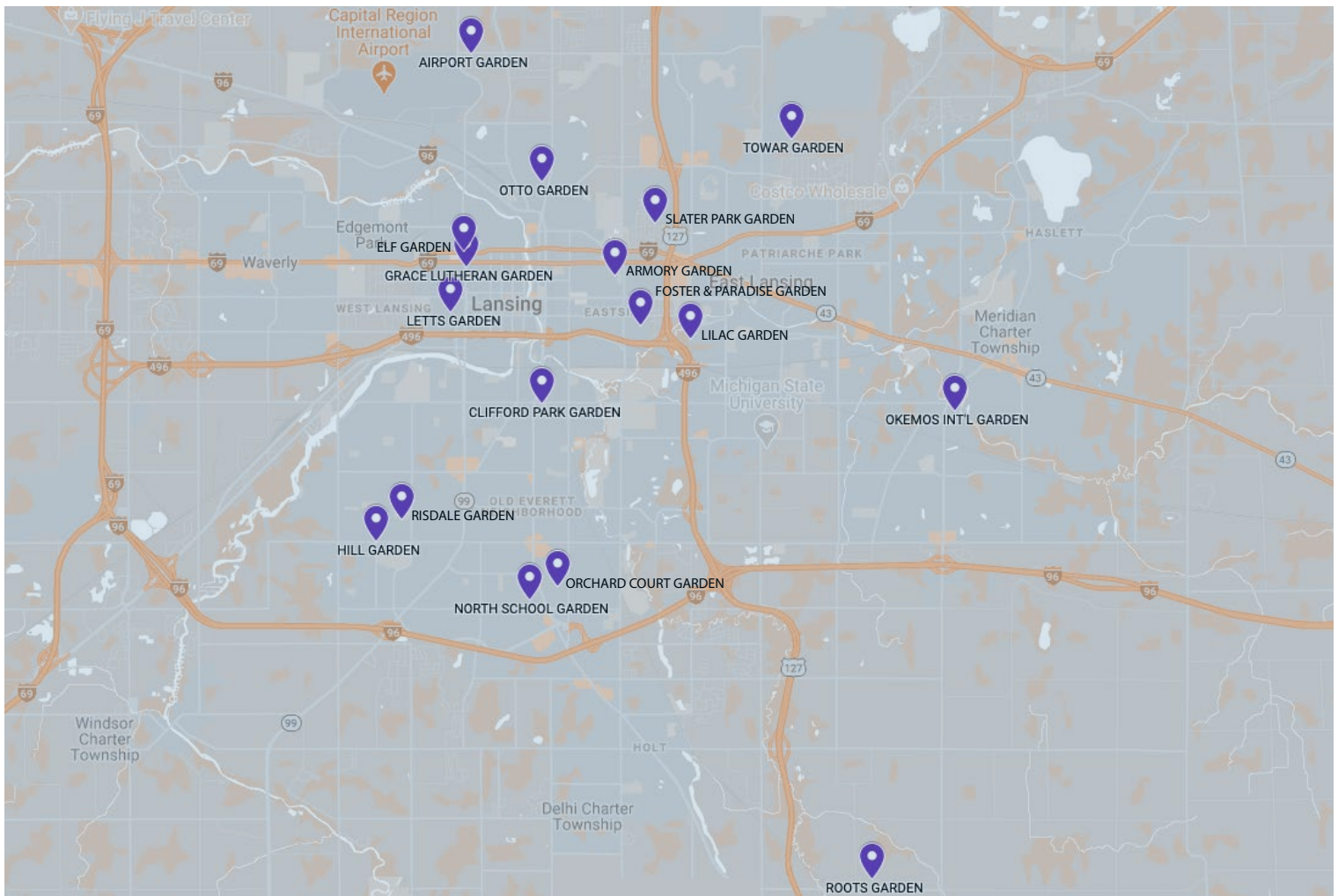
EAST LANSING, MERIDIAN & MASON

Lilac – 1260 Lilac St, 48823
Lots of space available. Surrounded by nature but fully fenced! Soil is rich, low lying & holds moisture.
Water Source: barrels filled for hand watering

Towar – 6370 Towar Ave, 48823
Lots of space available. Surrounded by nature but fully fenced!
Water Source: hand pump

Okemos International – Cedar Creek Apartments, 4394 Okemos Road, Okemos 48864
Fully fenced. Garden fills up fast! Leadership opportunities available – contact GP!
Water Source: all gardeners fill barrels for hand watering

Roots Garden – 1084 Hagadorn Rd., Mason, 48854
Beautiful farm setting with very large plots available (1/16, 1/8 & 1/4 acre plots.) Indicate plot size preference on registration & contact GP for more info.
Water Source: tanks filled for hand watering



UPCOMING EVENTS

LET'S GET GARDENING, LANSING!

Thanks to the support of many excellent community partners, there are garden related workshops and events almost every week! (Most are virtual for now.) Visit www.letsgetgardenlansing.org for an updated listing of local gardening happenings near you.

SAVE THE DATE

July 21 | Annual Community Garden Tour

Workshops, Classes & Events



www.letsgetgardenlansing.org

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, IS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE FOOD ASSISTANCE, GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK CAN HELP!

Greater Lansing Food Bank has a wide variety of emergency food resources to share with the community. For help locating your nearest **food pantry**, **mobile food distribution** or for assistance applying for a **Bridge Card (SNAP, EBT)**, call the GLFB Assistance Line at (517) 899-9457 between the hours of 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m., Monday-Friday.

For the latest information on GLFB Mobile Distributions visit the GLFB Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GLFoodBank1/events

And please, if you can, plan now to grow and give part of your harvest to a food pantry near you. Look for more information on donating in this spring's GROW-A-ROW GUIDE.

HOW TO VISIT A FOOD PANTRY

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FOOD BANK AND FOOD PANTRIES AND/OR PARTNER AGENCIES?

Greater Lansing Food Bank works to acquire and warehouse millions of pounds of food. We then distribute food through our partner agencies — food pantries, community kitchens and backpack programs that provide food directly to clients.



WHAT IS A MOBILE DISTRIBUTION?

Greater Lansing Food Bank and community partners hold mobile food distributions to take food and hand out directly to people in need. To view upcoming mobile food distributions near you, you can visit the GLFB Facebook events page at facebook.com/glfoodbank1/events.



HOW CAN I RECEIVE FOOD?

To locate your nearest emergency food resource (a GLFB partner agency), **dial 2-1-1**, and you will be connected to a United Way call center.



If you have questions or if you need further assistance, you can visit the GLFB website at glfoodbank.org/get-help or call the **GLFB Assistance Line at (517) 899-9457**.

DO I NEED ANY PAPERWORK TO RECEIVE FOOD?

You do not have to show income documentation; however, all food pantries ask for proof of residency. You will also be asked to verify that you meet the income and/or program guidelines.



DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR FOOD?

If you are visiting one of our partner agencies, **you will never have to pay for food**.

Our partner agencies are required to offer their food services to you 100% free of cost.



HOW OFTEN CAN I VISIT A FOOD PANTRY?

How often a client receives food from a pantry varies based on each individual pantry, the days and hours they are open, and the policy they have in place. Most will allow visits once or twice per month.



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SPRING RESOURCE CENTER HOURS

The Resource Center will be well-stocked with seeds and plants for community gardeners and low/low-moderate income home gardeners for the 2021 season! But due to the ongoing pandemic, pick-up will require an appointment.

To make an appointment,

- Visit www.glfoodbank.org/resources or,
- Call 517-853-7809 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday

All seeds and plants will be outside. We will limit the number of people present at one time. Masks and social distancing will be required.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPATION!
(We look forward to seeing you!)



MARCH

Wednesday, March 10th

The Resource Center will be open - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - Wednesday, March 10th to provide eggplant, pepper and other seed varieties that need to be started early. Make a pick-up appointment by visiting www.glfoodbank.org/resources or call 517-853-7809.

APRIL - JUNE

From April - June, Garden Project will have scheduled distribution days for seed and plant pick-up. Dates will be promoted on our website, in our weekly e-newsletter and on our Facebook page. Appointments will be required and can be made by calling 517-853-7809 or going to our website, glfoodbank.org/resources.

What's at the Resource Center?

ALL community gardeners and low/low-moderate income home gardeners are eligible to receive *free* resources, including:

Tools: Shovels, hoes, digging forks, broadforks, rakes & more to borrow.

Seeds: A WIDE selection of warm & cool season varieties.

(We have many but *not all* varieties.)

Transplants: Warm & cool season vegetable plant seedlings. Selection based on weather and availability.

Educational Resources: Books, fact sheets & more. Meet knowledgeable volunteers & other gardeners.

The Resource Center is located at 2401 Marcus Street, Lansing, 48912

Located in Foster Park on Lansing's eastside, one block south of Kalamazoo St.

It will look like this, but with more distance and masks!

