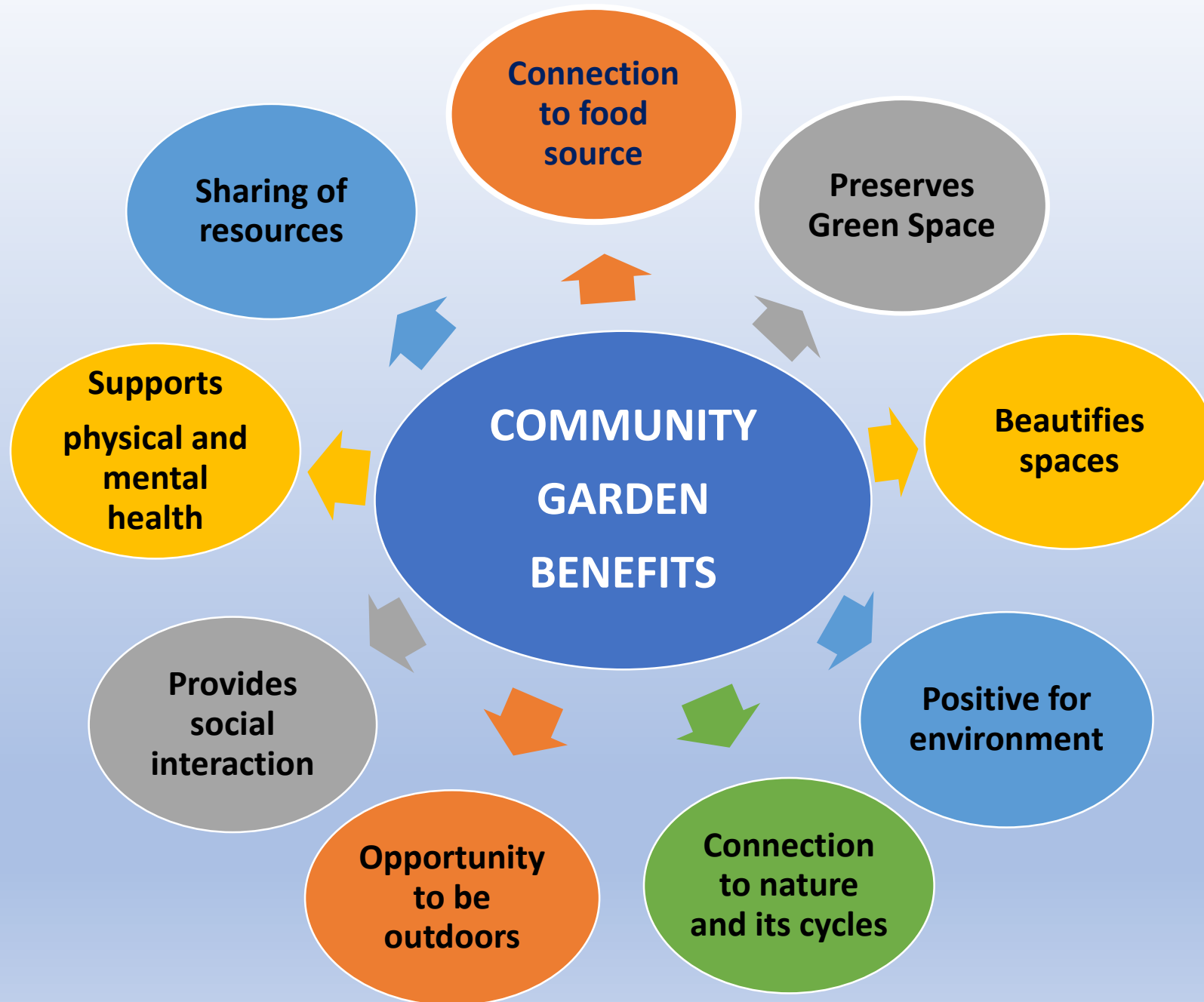


Brooklyn Community Garden Revitalization



What is a Community Garden?

A community garden is a single piece of land gardened collectively by a group of people. *Community gardens* utilize either individual or shared plots on private or public land while producing fruit, vegetables, and/or plants grown for their attractive appearance.



**“Throughout history,
community gardens have
adapted according to the
needs of society - increasing
to meet societal shifts
and demand”**

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EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Henderson County



My Background

- Certified Herbalist
- Henderson County Extension Master Gardener since 2014
- 4400 volunteer hours primarily with community gardens
- North Carolina Community Garden Partners Board member since May of 2021. Currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer.
- Bountiful Harvest Community Garden, Henderson County community garden in Jackson Park - 2014-2022.
- Started working with the 7th Avenue Garden project in March of 2022, contributing 547 hours valued by Extension at \$16,957.00
 - 2022-94 hours, 2023-318 hours, 2024-235+ hours

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT GARDEN



7th Avenue Community Communal Garden



7th Avenue Brooklyn Community Garden challenges

Ongoing since garden inception 2011

- Groundhogs
- Invasives-Japanese knotweed, tree of heaven, porcelain berry
 - Grading
 - Flooding issues

The Numbers...

GRANTS/FUNDS	AMOUNT
HBBC	\$24,952.00
CFHC	\$25,000.00
ESB Funds	\$4,900.00
Bee City	\$4,768.00
NCCGP	\$1,725.00
Seed Project	\$950.00
COME Donation	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$62,545.00

GARDEN COST PROJECTIONS	PROJECTED	ACTUAL	\$ DIFF PROJ/ACT
Garden Beds/Soil	\$12,645.00	\$6,775.00	\$5,870.00
ADA Pathway	\$11,004.00	\$14,225.00	-\$3,221.00
Lot Prep	\$6,120.00	\$18,315.00	-\$12,195.00
Shed	\$1,700.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00
Fence	\$9,056.00	\$10,322.00	-\$1,266.00
Landscaping/Erosion Control	\$4,000.00	\$6,556.00	-\$2,556.00
Benches/Picnic Tables	\$8,392.00	\$0.00	\$8,392.00
Pergola	\$7,213.00	\$131.00	\$7,082.00
Permaculture Plan	\$2,000.00	\$2,050.00	-\$50.00
Signage	\$1,100.00	\$2,402.00	-\$1,302.00
Garden supplies		\$747.00	-\$747.00
Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
BHRG Fiscal Sponsor Fee	0	\$522.00	-\$522.00
TOTAL	\$68,230.00	\$62,545.00	\$5,685.00

Ongoing...

- Continuing work on railroad embankment with erosion control and plantings while removing continuous growth of invasives
- Follow up with Habitat for Humanity for timeline for building pergola
- Plant cutting garden of zinnia's along the outside fence line for the community to enjoy starting spring 2025
- Leveling out and installing pad for the shed area
- Relocating the shed
- Continuing to monitor water flow and address as needed
- Fill current beds with compost soil
- Clearing crab grass areas and laying wood chips
- Plant trees along exterior-Red Buds, Kousa Dogwoods
- Restoring/painting donated shed and picnic tables



Future plans ...

- Crystal's Children's Garden-Creating garden in memory of Crystal and her passion for connecting children to nature.
- Additional Garden Beds- 4 31" tall beds and 10 17" beds
- Berry House construction-16' x 32' structure for blueberries and strawberries. Connected to the children's garden. Replaces former blueberry house.
- Plan out back fence line area.

Projected add-on costs...

Crystal's Children's Garden			
Item	Cost	# items	Total Proj. Cost
Children's Beds	\$120.00	6	\$720.00
Special needs beds	\$250.00	2	\$500.00
Walkway Ext.	\$2,400.00	1	\$2,400.00
Archway	\$450.00	1	\$450.00
Palette fencing w/mural			\$250.00
Signage		multiple	\$500.00
Kinetic sculpture	\$250.00	1	\$250.00
Wind Chimes	\$50.00	2	\$100.00
Rain gauge	\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Garden themed little library		1	\$250.00
Watering cans	\$10.00	4	\$40.00
Birdhouses	\$50.00	2	\$100.00
Small storage bench/shed	\$250.00	1	\$250.00
Total			\$5,860.00

Additional Garden Beds			
Bed type	Cost	# beds	Total Proj. Cost
17" beds	\$220.00	10	\$2,200.00
31" beds	\$300.00	5	\$1,500.00
Total		15	\$3,700.00

Berry House			
Enclosed 16' x 32'	\$30 per lf	64 lf	\$1,920.00

**DREAM IT
PLAN IT
BUILD IT
THEY WILL COME**

"Gardens are the first sign of commitment to a community. When people plant, they are saying 'Let's stay here'. And by their connection to the land, they are connected to one another."

- Anne Raver



Brooklyn Community Garden

Nurturing self-reliance and building community across generations.



Est. 2011

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Tae will now discuss community engagement, future partners and programming.

Thanks for your time and support!

