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Micanopy

Florida

December 9, 2025

AGENDA ITEM – Community Garden: Request for Site Approval and Funding for Perimeter Fencing

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval for the Proposed Community Garden Site and Authorization of Funding for Perimeter Fence

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several months, the Town has been actively exploring the development of a community garden to provide residents with opportunities for local food cultivation, community engagement, education, and environmental stewardship. While the Town Commission has expressed general support for the concept during previous discussions, the governing body has not formally approved the use of the proposed municipal property as the designated community garden site.

During this exploratory phase, community interest has exceeded expectations. With collaboration from The Pollinators and Old Florida Heritage Highway, residents have organized meetings, gathered materials lists, and begun fundraising efforts. To date, donations have already been secured to support raised beds, soil, tools, and other essential startup items. The outpouring of volunteerism and enthusiasm demonstrates strong community ownership of this initiative.

As the project has gained momentum, staff paused to ensure proper procedural steps are followed. In order for planning and implementation to move forward, a formal Commission action is now needed to designate the identified Town property as the official community garden location.

CURRENT REQUEST:

In addition to site approval, staff is requesting Commission authorization for funding to install a perimeter fence around the garden. Due to significant deer activity in the area, the fence is critical to protecting the garden's viability and ensuring early success for participating residents. Community partners have contributed substantially to garden startup costs, but the fencing represents an infrastructure expense appropriately placed with the Town.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost of the perimeter fence to be determined based on Commission authorization and procurement of quotes. Funding source to be designated by the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Commission:

1. **Approve the proposed Town property as the designated location for the Micanopy Community Garden; and**

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2. Authorize funding for the installation of a perimeter fence to protect the garden area.

These actions will allow the Town, in partnership with community volunteers and local organizations, to move forward with establishing a successful and sustainable community garden for the benefit of Micanopy residents.

MICANOPY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Let's Grow Micanopy Together!

We're planting more than vegetables - we're planting opportunity, connection, and joy!



The Micanopy Community Garden will be a place where neighbors gather, children learn, and fresh food thrives!



Your contribution will help fund:



Item	Quantity	Estimated Cost
Shed for Storage	1	\$750
Wheelbarrows	2	\$175 each
Shovels	20	\$30 each
Raised Garden Beds	8	\$250 each
Topsoil (3 yards)	10	\$60/yard

Every donation - big or small - makes a difference!

Contributions are being collected through the Old Florida Heritage Highway, a nonprofit partner of the Town of Micanopy. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Donors will be recognized at the garden site.

Please make checks payable to: Old Florida Heritage Highway, mailed to PO Box 137, Micanopy, FL 32667

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