

Warrenton Community Garden

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What is a Community Garden?

- Community Gardens are shared spaces where people can gather together to grow fruits, vegetables, and/or flowers
- Vary in their structure, purpose and format
- May consist of:
 - Collective Plots
 - Individual Plots
 - Raised Beds
- Most Community Gardens provide Individual Plots



Remington Community Garden

Slide courtesy of John Waldeck

What are the benefits of a Community Garden?



Remington Community Garden

- Adds vitality to the community
- Community Gardener families eat healthier
- Allows families without land to garden
- Can reduce food insecurity

Community Gardening grows community networks by bringing all types of people together.

Who Does a Community Garden Benefit?



Gardeners
nutrition, mental
and physical
health, learning,
socialization



Environment
Soil structure &
biota, insects,
birds, air quality



Community
food security,
social ties,
networks, trust

Creating the Garden



Establish Goals



Grow a Network



Find a Site



Design & Build the Garden



**Manage & Sustain the
Garden**

Goals for the Warrenton Community Garden

“Promote and support community gardens that will be managed by committed community groups...” A key element of the Town’s health infrastructure goal, Warrenton Comprehensive Plan.

Provide a space for people to grow their own vegetables, fruits and flowers, and in the process:

- **Build an inclusive garden community**
- **Create a place for connection, life-long learning, and well-being**
- **Develop community gardening ambassadors**
- **Inspire additional community gardens**

Networks of Support Grow Your Garden

Partnerships → **Land, Utilities, Educational Events**

Town of Warrenton

WARF & Department of Parks & Recreation

Outreach → **Services to those most in need**

Senior Communities

Food Banks

Fauquier County Health Department

Fauquier County Social Services

Collaborations → **Community Engagement**

Cultural and Faith-Based Groups

Fauquier FRESH

Master Naturalists, Clifton Institute

Fauquier High School

PATH Foundation

Local Businesses

Manage and Sustain the Garden

Guidelines

- Lease with Town of Warrenton
- Garden Rules
- Gardener Agreement & Liability Waiver
- MOU Roles & Responsibilities MGA, VCE, Town
- Garden Plot Application
- Welcome packets, orientation, training for gardeners

Garden Committee

Master Gardeners initially + Community members in time = Fully community-driven in the future

Funding

Grants, Donations from gardeners, community members, businesses, Master Gardener Association.

Volunteers and Partners greatly reduce expenses.

Site the Garden – The WARF

Sun

Water

Flat

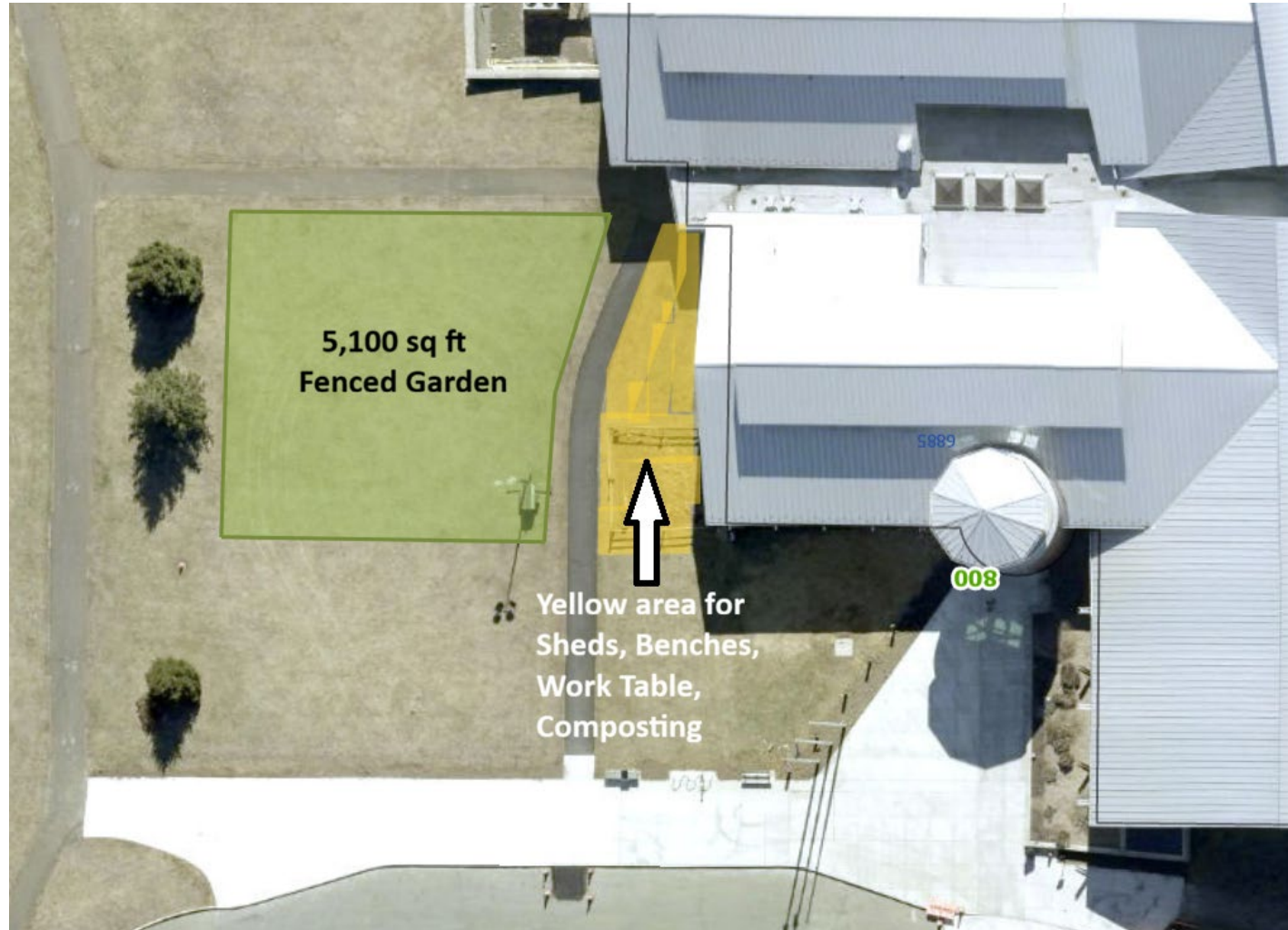
Drainage

Parking

Public transport

Restrooms

Visibility





**Final Thoughts
Questions?**