

# **Down-To-Earth Community Gardens**

Growing gardens, community, and food security

The mission of Down-To-Earth Community Gardens is "to create community gardens for growing and preserving food and to promote health, education, and stewardship by sharing with local food pantries."

## ***Tend Your Own Plot***

We invite all persons who are interested to become a member of the Route 57 Community Garden and maintain their own plot. Plots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis, with a size of roughly 10'x30'. We require a \$10 fee plus a \$10 deposit; the deposit will be returned upon clearing of the space at the end of the season. Assistance will be available for those unable to pay the fee.

More gardens will be developed and available for the community as we are working to expand!

## ***Volunteer***

The public plot of the Route 57 garden will serve to stock a green pantry and may be tended by volunteers that do not wish to maintain their own plot.

## ***Will Garden For Food Program***

Don't have the money, time, or know-how to grow your own garden? Join the *Will Garden for Food* program and invest a little time and work into a shared plot and get paid with the harvest. Hours put in will be tracked and reimbursed with produce as it becomes available.

## ***Meet the Challenge***

Join us in what we are calling *The Gardeners' Challenge*. We are looking for 30 gardeners to extend their gardens by a row or two, in order to help feed 30 families in the Orrville area. The extra harvest can be dropped off to the Salvation Army to provide fresh produce for those receiving food assistance. Be sure to sign up to show your commitment.

## ***Start Your Own Neighborhood Garden***

If you or your neighbors have ample land in your area, consider starting your own neighborhood garden. We can help with the startup of the project; part of our mission is to grow more gardens! We offer advice, guidance, and serve as a parent to newly organized gardens.

## ***Attend a Workshop***

Through out the growing season we will be offering educational workshops to aid in growing and preserving food.

*Watch for information of upcoming events through Orrviews, fliers, Facebook (Down-to-Earth Community Gardens), or sign up for e-mail updates.*

**Feel free to contact us for more info!**

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