

Community Garden Leadership Initiative

Purpose

Community gardens serve many purposes. They provide an area to grow fresh produce for personal consumption and donation, space for community gathering and in some cases community beautification. However, community gardens are often initiated without thorough planning and thought for long-term sustainability. This program seeks to provide training to community garden leaders in community engagement, asset mapping, and integrated pest management.

Impact

This program is currently being piloted in three counties; Summit, Stark, and Franklin.

Participants have a better understanding of how to engage the community and developing a mission and vision statement for their project.

Participants have benefitted by networking with other participants in order to secure resources via the training program.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Office of Outreach and Engagement
Ohio State University Extension

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Community Partners Involved

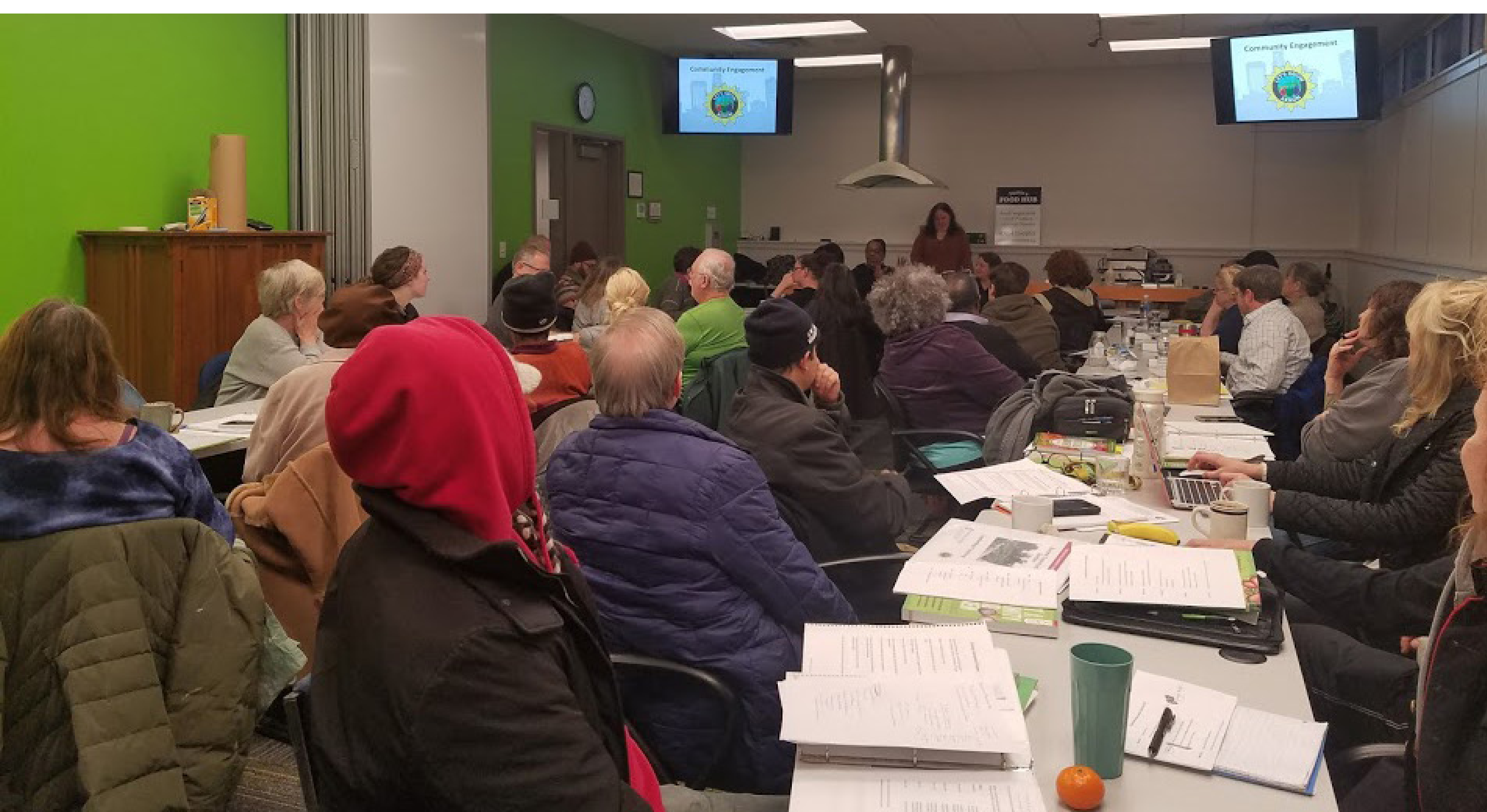
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How you can get involved:

- Become a community gardener.
- Share information about the community gardens in your community via social media
- Donate time to help work in the gardens.
- Donate materials or money.
- Discuss the benefits of fresh, local produce with your family and friends.

To get involved, contact:

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