# BECOME A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNTIY GARDEN

### **Engage Your Community**

- Build a team of 5-10 people.
- Create a mission.

### Integrate the Garden

- Will it be an allotment garden, communal garden or some combination?
- Determine leadership roles, committees, garden guidelines and rules.

#### Choose a Site

- Easily accessible for gardeners, eight hours of direct sunlight, access to water.
- Call 811 before you dig!
- Written permission from the landowner.
- Check with your city's planning department about permits, liability insurance or other special requirements.

### **Develop the Garden**

- Design the garden with input from the community. Start small and build on success.
- Identify partners and support organizations who can help with resources and funding.

## **Educate and Expand**

 Hold workdays, educational workshops, potlucks and garden parties.



## **HOW WE CAN HELP**

The N. C. Cooperative Extension Community Garden Program provides research-based information and educational support of planning, developing and sustaining gardens.

# SUPPORT A COMMUNITY FOOD ACCESS GROUP

#### **Share the Harvest**

sharetheharvestguilfordcounty.org

**Greater High Point Food Alliance** ghpfa.org (336) 899-0885

**Growing High Point** growinghighpoint.org (336) 848-1516

#### **Guilford Food Council**

guilfordfoodcouncil.com













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# COMMUNITY GARDENS

IN GUILFORD COUNTY









# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Our favorite definition of a community garden is, "anywhere a community of people joins together to garden" (The Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Community Gardening).

Community gardens are growing in our neighborhoods, libraries, parks and recreation centers, places of worship, community organizations, early childcare centers, and schools. Each garden is developed to meet the needs of the gardeners who come together to grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs on common ground.



# RESOURCES THROUGH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- Start or join a community garden
- Garden mentors
- Free gardening classes
- Guilford County Extension Master Gardener Community Garden Start-up Grants

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

More than 160 community gardens have been started in Guilford County.



Share the Harvest is an all-volunteer non-profit agency that works with community gardens, home gardeners, and local farmers to collect excess fresh produce which is shared with community agencies to feed our neighbors in Guilford County.