

Any other comments or info you'd like to provide to Town Council on the subject of Community Gardens?

Of all the things that we can build in Garner, a beautiful and sustainable garden should be at the top of our list. Why not beautify our town, help our ecosystem, encourage pollinators, teach new skills, and provide an outlet for an activity that's proven to increase the health and wellbeing of its participants?

Being able to be part of a community garden is a huge incentive for me to continue living in Garner.

The proximity to the community garden was one of the main draws that led my husband and I to move to Garner in the first place. And with the pandemic hitting shortly after we moved to the state (where we know no one), the garden gave us an opportunity to start building a support network here that we wouldn't have had otherwise. Don't know what we would have done last year had it not been for the community garden, but I know it would have been far, far lonelier.

When I first moved to Garner 4 years ago, I did not realize that there was a community garden located in town. As soon as I found out about it, I was elated and quickly joined! Over the years, I have been a member of other community gardens in Asheville, Boston and Raleigh. Community gardens are a great way to foster community, support pollinators and promote a healthy lifestyle by getting outdoors. I am still a member of the Garner Grows Community Garden and want to see it find it's perfect forever home.

We aren't citizens but are active participants in the town and have lived here for 28 years. We NEED a community garden to provide space for people who don't have the option to garden in their own places and to offer another form of community involvement. Nearly every town in Wake county has one or multiple community gardens. They are an amazing resource!

It will be the best thing that ever happened to Garner!

Community gardens, indeed, build community. I've seen this in my neighborhood community garden. Five immediate neighbors, some of whom had never met, are now gardening together, group texting, sharing recipes, and offering each other spiritual encouragement.

A community garden that is open and welcoming to all Town residents, as Garner Grows has proven themselves to be, is an extremely positive asset for our community. It promotes healthy living, community engagement, environmental awareness, and more. Garner Grows is a family friendly organization that offers positive social outlets for residents of all ages.

I think community gardens are a great idea. They add value to the community by contributing to the health of our citizens as well as beautifying the area. They are also a valuable educational or social engagement opportunity for both the youth, elderly, and people of all ages. I hope to see and participate in community gardens in the future.

Every community should have access to grow and learn how to grow fresh fruits and veggies. As a physician assistant and community member I support the agenda.

The town of Garner is in a position of growth to incorporate Community Gardens, which enhances the quality of life for residents and promote a sense of community.

I love the idea of a town sponsored community garden as a place of education and fellowship. I am keen to preserve greenspace in our town and a garden seems a perfect opportunity to make such a space productive as well.

Being a part of Garner Grows was such a blessing--we would love to have another piece of land where we could grow food again. My daughter learned so much about how to cultivate veggies, how to take care of the soil, and about feeding others. The garden was such a boon to local food pantries, many of which struggle to obtain fresh produce, otherwise. It is an incredible resource for the community--as an opportunity for youth groups to do service, for older members to get out and active, and for families to gather with a common goal. Garner is such a wonderful Town and would be enriched all the more by having a shared garden for its residents. Especially given the conditions of the last year, with COVID-19, it would be a huge morale-booster to have this affirmation of life, connection, and caring for the community.

A community garden within town limits is an excellent opportunity to build relationships with local schools. By coordinating different projects with teachers/school the town would be investing in a new generation of people would have the knowledge to grow their own food. This kind of connection could lead to healthier community.

Any disadvantages of a community garden are outweighed significantly by the advantages. Please do the right thing for the town and approve the requests in this petition. Thank you

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Community gardens are a vital support for people and substantially helped me in numerous ways. It helped feed my family, make friends, my mental, emotional and physical health, is great for education and helped me not isolate. Please consider having this community garden continue.

Community Gardens are proven to improve mental and physical health and build community cohesiveness. Community gardens help to attract potential residents to an area and serve as a place for youth and adults to interact outdoors. Gardens help reduce mental stress and help to combat climate change. Please support community gardens in our town.

Please keep the Garner gardens. It's so important to encourage people to eat healthy. To grow vegetables, fruits and more in a Garner garden helps people to afford to eat healthy. One of the biggest things is if your raising a child to grow a garden and help maintain that garden. Look at the beauty and how healthy of a value your teaching your child and love ones. I love eating out of gardens.

I fully support Garner Grows and think they are an asset to our community.

I may not live in Garner but I am willing to travel to participate in community gardens in Garner

I have worked, for a given value of the term, on Garner Grows, since I was about 11. That was ten or so years ago, and before two serious upheavals of the garden's location. I still remember the time spent playing with the other kids, picking fruits and vegetables off plants that I had watched grow and change for months. I will always value the nights spent by a fire, everyone enjoying the things they produced with their labor, teamwork, and knowledge. This decade has taught me that gardening is more than simply making food. It is taking all that you are, putting it into the ground, and getting more in return. I am more than happy to help in any way to bring that to the people of Garner. Thank you for your consideration.

Community Gardens help grow community along with vegetables and fruit.

I have been a working, volunteer member of Garner Grows since its inception and it is a vital part of feeling connected to the Garner community and a motivating factor in wanting to make Garner a great place for the future of citizens and our children.

The Garner grows garden is an amazing opportunity to better Garner and promote wellness / community among the locals. I have been involved on and off with Garner grows for roughly 10 years. The garden really needs a home to flourish and cultivate community.

Community gardens are just another kind of play ground where people can stretch their bodies and their minds.

As a Garner resident, I would love to see support for a community garden!

We want a community garden

We need more community gardens in Garner

In addition to community garden space, I would appreciate incentives for people to turn their lawns/yards into native wildflower/botanical habitat for biodiversity. It would also be beneficial to encourage residents to plant trees, especially those which are well-suited for native habitat and carbon sequestration.

Community gardens are awesome for learning and for the environment.

Gardens are good, God is great and people are crazy when they pave everything over with roads and high density housing.

Start composting

This is more important than ever

Love working with Garner Grows! I learned so much..

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Garner Grows means SO MUCH to me! Please help!

Let's grow things!

Community gardens are imperative to educate citizens, provide healthy food options and combat the effects of climate change.

Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes!!

Community members working together to promote community health, protect the planet and share knowledge, sound like a win win to me.

I was a member of the gardens in 2019, and would still be coming if I had a car. Communities need places like this with dedicated individuals who share information, food, love and the work load of gardening. I loved coming to the garden, and care very much if it lives, even if I don't get to partake in it. It's a wonderful place for a community to have, so please offer them support.

Way to go from us here at The Well Fed Community Garden

Dedicating a space for a community garden to thrive will be of considerable value to Garner.

As a contributor to FBSENC through a Plant A Row Program, I think this is a great idea.

Please support the health and wellness of our local community by endorsing our community gardens!
Thank you and God bless,
Kelley Crusen

Please support our local community gardens, they are a valuable asset to the health and wellness of our Garner family.

Thanks and God bless!

My family would participate in a local community garden.

Community Gardens are important to the community in having access to healthy organic resources and improving overall quality of life and health in human beings

Thank you for considering this important community need.

I am in full support of community gardens.

Community gardens rock! In all seriousness, they create a stronger community and will actively benefit the town.

community gardens bring people together in the process of providing for peers and people you may not know. it's not only substantial for each other, but in the process helps reduce carbon footprints. for the average American, 8% of personal carbon footprints comes from purchasing food. (source- CABA, Climate Action Business Association, 5 Ways Gardening Can Reduce Your Carbon Footprint)

Raleigh City Garden is instructive (and beautiful)

This is important part of our community and losing it would tragic.

Install bee hives nearby for pollination. Invite school groups to help out. Need water and electricity for year round gardening.

Food is life and helps build a community.

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Community gardens are beneficial in numerous ways and will make a great impact on Garner as a whole

What happened to the beautiful garden on Vandora Springs?

We need to start growing our own food with no chemicals. This will improve health and food allergy in a lot of people.

The gardens are really beautiful and I'd love to have the opportunity to volunteer to help with them more in the future.

What better way to improve a town. This encourages a healthy lifestyle, brings folks together to achieve a common goal, educates, and who doesn't like fresh veggies!

community gardens are a worthwhile investment

Please support community gardens

I do not live in Garner. I am willing to travel to participate in community gardens in Garner.

I think a Community Garden is always a great idea, especially for our next generation.

Gardens will improve the neighborhoods, bring people together and help the environment with pollinators and food!

I fully support community gardens and Garner Grows, and hope that the Garner Town Council will also support this group.

I think a community garden is a beautiful place to work together to help the town.

Please support this!

We need more successful community gardens!

Garner Grows is a true community resource!

I can donate seeds

Such a great generous group bringing community together in so many ways. My son did his Eagle project there for troop 391. Please support this group.

As a healthcare provider I know how critical it is to have access to fresh and local produce

Great idea

I would travel from Clayton to Garner every other weekend whenever Garner grows would have plant sales

Community gardens foster relationships among young and old.