



Florida's Dynamic
Waterfront Community

Backyard Garden Presentation
May 13, 2020

Backyard Garden Project

- The Agency currently supports a robust community garden program since 2015:
 - Demonstration Garden at 1010 W. 10th Street
 - Singer Island Garden in development
 - Children's Prosperity Garden
- Through support to RBCDC:
 - Willie Bo Davis Meditation Garden and Lindsey Davis Vegetable Garden
 - Lincoln Elementary Student Garden
 - Max M. Fisher Boys and Girls Club Garden



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- These gardens are primarily located in LMI areas, areas of high food insecurity, and/or food deserts.
- With the onset of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, we are experiencing growing food insecurity.
- These areas are especially vulnerable to outside stresses.
- Unemployment is currently more than 15%.
- Riviera Beach is under a stay at home order, except for essential services; these restrictions have been eased for limited access to our parks and waterways.
- Residents have limited access to fresh, wholesome foods; grocery shelves are often bare of even essentials, including meat, milk, bread, and fresh produce.



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- While we continue to make produce available to residents, we need to do more.
- We propose an expansion to our gardening outreach to include a Backyard Garden Project.
- The Backyard Garden Project would have several components:
 - “Weekend Gardener” Program
 - “Gardenista” Program
 - “Urban Master” Program



Backyard Garden Project

- “Weekend” Gardener Program:
 - Small container
 - Enriched soil
 - Tools
 - Gloves
 - Watering Can
 - Seedlings and seeds
 - Instructions
- Components:
 - Simple pre-registration
 - Resident drive up to Demo garden
 - Loaded into vehicle
 - Checklist
 - Post-grow survey
- Implementation:
 - By June 1st
- Budget:
 - \$10,000
 - 75-100 families



Backyard Garden Project

- “Gardenista” Program:
 - Larger raised bed (s)
 - Enriched soil
 - Tools
 - Gloves
 - Drip irrigation system and pump
 - Seedlings and seeds
 - Poles and screening
 - Instructions
- Components:
 - Simple pre-registration
 - Resident drive up to Demo garden/assistance if needed
 - Loaded into vehicle
 - Checklist
 - Post-grow survey
- Implementation:
 - By June 15th
- Budget:
 - \$7,500
 - 25-30 families



Backyard Garden Project

- “Urban Master” Program:
 - Larger raised bed (s)
 - Enriched soil
 - Tools
 - Gloves
 - Drip irrigation system and pump
 - Rain barrel and gutter system
 - Seedlings and seeds
 - Poles and screening
 - Instructions
- Components:
 - Simple pre-registration
 - Partnership with RB Water Utilities
 - Master gardener setup at home
 - Checklist and agreement
 - Post-grow survey and pics
- Implementation:
 - By July 1st
- Budget:
 - \$5,000
 - 8-10 families



Backyard Garden Project

- Other components needed:
 - Bed liner
 - Soil
 - Tools
 - Seeds/Seedlings
 - Marketing
- Budget Other
 - \$5,000
- Implementation:
 - By June - September
 - Project Manager : RBCDC
- Budget:
 - \$27,500
 - Impact 560-700 people or \$39/person



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Recommendation: Approval of the Backyard Garden Program; to be implemented immediately at an estimated cost of \$27,500.

Thank You!!!





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