



Florida's Dynamic
Waterfront Community

Community Garden Program Update February 10, 2021

Overview

- 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.
- Residents have limited access to fresh, wholesome foods
- The Backyard Garden Project has several components:
 - “Weekend Gardener” Program
 - “Gardenista” Program
 - “Urban Master” Program



Overview

- 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



Backyard Garden Project



Metrics

- Budget:
 - \$27,500 Allocation
 - \$ 7,000 Donations
- 118 applications received
- 96 kits have been distributed
- 6 apps were non-residents
- 6 apps have not picked kit up or do not have transportation (making arrangements to deliver)
- 10 new apps/in progress
- Can distribute 20-25 additional kits
- Phase Two will kick off on March 1st.
 - 50 additional applications
- Seedlings ready to distribute to existing gardeners week of February 15th
- Cooking demo held on January 19th; 25+ attendees.
- Recipient of BB & T/Truist Lighthouse Award. Our second award.



Program Updates



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- **Singer Island Community Garden**

- Under construction
- Will consist of a park in the front and a garden in the back with 32 raised beds
- Slated to be completed in May 2021
- The garden is part of CRA's Corridor Enhancement Project

- To date: installed water, electric, fence around the garden area, and a tool shed.
- The irrigation for the site and sod to the park will be completed in February
- Volunteer events will be held to build the raised beds and install the selected shrubs, decorative trees and flowers in the park along E Blue Heron in March.



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Singer Island Community Garden



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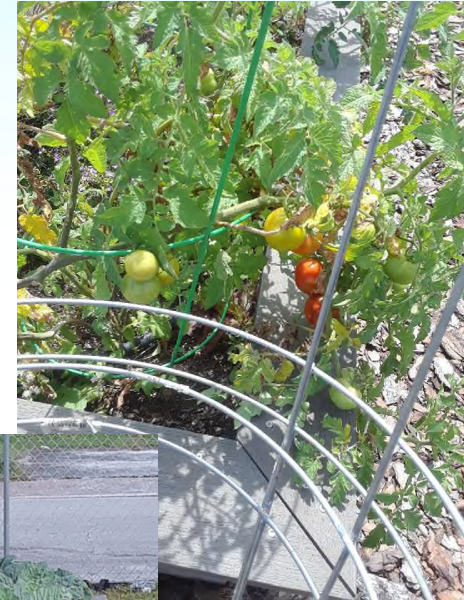
Program Updates

- Lindsey Davis Community Garden (supported by RBCDC and Parks and Rec)
 - Fully planted with green peppers, collard greens, mustard greens, carrots, onions, sweet basil, and tomatoes.
 - Successfully harvested and donated 100 lbs of greens for the MLK Community Cooking Demonstration
- The Lindsey Davis Community Garden will be undergoing construction of a much-anticipated Phase II with an addition of a butterfly garden, sprinkler system, and chain link fence.
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Lindsey Davis Community Garden



Program Updates

- Children's Prosperity Garden
 - Due to COVID-19, the school children are not utilizing the garden program at this time.
 - The Gardeners and volunteers are maintaining all aspects of the garden.
- Boys & Girls Club Garden
 - Limited activity due to COVID-19. Volunteers are maintaining the garden at this time.





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