



2015 GROW Community Garden Mini-Grant Projects

As a part of the 2014-2015 Gardeners Recreating Our World (GROW) project, NCCGP held five community garden workshops and awarded twenty-one \$200 grants to workshop attendees. Nine grants went to school, after-school and preschool projects and will reach many children with education and information about gardening and healthy eating. Three faith-based gardens, seven community gardens and one campus garden also received funding. A final project will provide garden education to seven gardens across a three county region. Funding for this project was made possible by grants from the Burt's Bees Greater Good Foundation, Resourceful Communities, a program of The Conservation Fund and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Feast Down East in New Hanover County, Iredell County Farm Bureau and NC Cooperative Extension also each contributed \$200 for a project in their area.

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Bellamy Elementary School Garden

New Hanover

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This school garden in Wilmington, started in 2012, teaches gardening to students. Funds will be used to purchase season extension materials and vertical growing supplies to expand their limited growing area.

Dare Master Gardeners

Dare, Currituck & Pasquotank

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Education will be provided to at least 7 community gardens in Dare, Currituck & Pasquotank counties by providing a one-day workshop focused on GROW workshop topics. The organizer is a Dare County Master Gardener volunteer.

Food for Thought

Robeson

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This garden in Lumberton was founded in 2013 and provides food to those in need. It is organized and worked by volunteers. Funds will be used to build additional raised beds to expand production. An educational workshop will be provided on raised bed construction.

Franklinton Center at Bricks

Halifax

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Located on the site of a former plantation in Whitakers, the FCAB has a 5-acre garden that provides produce to the conference center, farmers market and low-resource families in the area. Funds will be used to purchase pollinator plants for around the vegetable garden and cover crop seed to improve the soils.

Help Our People Eat- HOPE Garden

Catawba

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The Western NC Epilepsy Association started the HOPE Garden in Hickory in 2010 in collaboration with Catawba Co. schools and government. This volunteer run garden donates food to those in need and to volunteers who are given food in exchange for working in the gardens. Mini-grant funds will be used to purchase seeds and other needed supplies.

Island Montessori School Garden	New Hanover
Lori Birdsong	jlbirdsong@gmail.com
This is a newly created school garden in Wilmington. They will use GROW funds to build a pollinator garden to enhance vegetable beds that will be built with funds from an additional Farm Bureau Grant. Garden education will be built into the regular curriculum of the school reaching 144 children in grades 1-6.	
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church CG	Scotland
Noran Sanford	growingchange@bellsouth.net
Started in Laurinburg in 2010, LPCCG is a one-acre garden open to community members. The project will be organized by Growing Change, a youth entrepreneur program. Bees will be purchased to populate an existing hive and education about importance of pollinators and beekeeping will be provided by the youth, who are experienced beekeepers, to the community gardeners at LPCCG.	
Mooresville Community Garden	Iredell
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This is a new allotment-style community garden that will be open to local residents. Funds will be used to establish a pollinator garden and a children's garden. Education will be provided to new gardeners who will also help to plant and maintain the garden. Funding was made possible by the Iredell County Farm Bureau.	
Myrtle Grove Middle School	New Hanover
Suzan Perry	suzan.perry@nhcs.net
This project will revitalize a Wilmington school garden that has been in existence for 25 years! Three hundred sixth graders will incorporate gardening into their science classes. Funds will be used to build new garden beds and purchases garden supplies.	
Partners in Ministry	Scotland
LeeAnne Venable	lvenable@pim-nc.org
Founded in 2012, the PIM garden provides produce through their food pantry to low-resource residents in Laurinburg. The project will work with 140 children in grades 3-5 through their afterschool program. They will learn gardening skills, healthy eating and will learn about pollinators with a beehive being added this year. Funds will be used to purchase general gardening supplies.	
Prale Street Acre of Grace	Burke
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Started in 2014, the garden in Valdese is worked by church members and high school volunteers. Food is donated to those in need through the Waldensian Presbyterian Church. Funds will be used to build handicapped accessible garden beds.	
Regeneration Community Youth Garden	Edgecombe/Halifax
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This garden located in Pinetops was started in 2014. Members of 2 churches began the project for youth development and the food grown is given to those in need and sold at local markets to support the project. Funds will be used for both a pollinator garden and season extension supplies.	
River Bend	Craven
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Community members started this garden near New Bern in 2013. Ten percent of produce is donated to local groups and the remainder is shared among the gardeners. Funds will be used to purchase seed starting supplies to grow transplants for the garden. Funding for this garden was made possible by NC Cooperative Extension.	
Shallotte Community Garden	Brunswick
Rachel Johnson	rjohnson@townofshallotte.org
This garden will be new in 2015 and part of a 10-acre park being developed in downtown Shallotte. Community members will work the garden beds and donate a portion to local food pantries. The funds will be used to install a pollinator garden. Ongoing garden education will be provided.	

The Family Garden	Alexander
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Started in 2009, this garden serves Head Start families in Taylorsville. The project will focus on healthy living, providing cooking classes and health education to children and families. Funds will be used to create a children's <i>Garden Oasis</i> within the existing community garden.	
The Garden of Concord	Alamance
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Started in 2009 at the Concord UMC near Graham, this garden of 60 raised beds is worked by community volunteers who share the produce and donate to local food pantries. Funds will be used to build a large-scale vermiculture bed to provide worm castings for the gardens. Education about the worm project is ongoing.	
The Patch on Main	Mecklenburg
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This new garden starting in Huntersville will provide 30 plots for community gardeners and donate 10% to a local food pantry. Gardening education will be provided to all garden members as well as public school and pre-school children. Funds will be used to build a hoop house to extend the season and grow transplants.	
The Spot	Wilson
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This new project serves at-risk youth through an afterschool and summer program. Children will be involved in the development of the garden and decide how produce will be distributed. GROW funds will be used to create a pollinator garden.	
UNC Pembroke Campus Garden	Robeson
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This campus garden started in 2014 donates produce to campus and local food pantries. Funds will be used to purchase season extension supplies. Education will be provided on season extension techniques to all garden volunteers.	
Weldon Preschool	Halifax
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This church-based garden started in 2014 provides produce to seniors in the area. The project funds will be used to create 3 "pizza" gardens for the pre-school children to learn from seed to table. Cooperative Extension and Health Department staff will provide educational programming for the children.	
Wrightsboro Cool Cats Garden	New Hanover
Sammy Dorsey	sammydorsey820@gmail.com
This Wilmington school garden founded in 2013 is worked by youth in the school garden club and provides therapeutic opportunities for students. Funds will be used to purchase additional supplies for the existing greenhouse and to install a pollinator garden. A Food Corps service member assists with education here.	

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