



All in all, a great season for gardens in Meridian Township. Approximately 250 people tended almost 200 garden plots. Meridian Township gardens were a highlight of our Bus Tour this season, comprising 4 of 6 gardens featured in the Greater Lansing region.

Okemos International Garden at Central/Cedar Creek

There were about five new gardeners and a full garden this season, in spite of a change in garden leadership (the former Garden Leader graduated and moved). While a big loss to the garden, improved communication with the apartment manager is a big plus. The school garden was underutilized, though, and we are polling to see if the space is still desired. That said, we continue to maintain good relations with Okemos



Public Schools to perform tilling and grounds maintenance.

Compost this year was a part of a donation that GP organized from Hammond Farms. The quality was worth the delay in getting the compost this spring. This garden continues to provide a popular gathering space for Meskhetian Turks.

Marsh Pointe Garden

Marsh Pointe Garden was successful this season, in part, due to increased water access. With services from Spartan Irrigation, we were able to put a spigot at the garden. This is especially important,, due to the elderly population that struggled to haul hoses across hundreds of feet to water. The addition of motion detected sprinklers to act as ‘deer fencing’ at night has helped keep the garden open and attractive to newcomers, while keeping unwanted critters out.



Edgewood Village Community Garden

Edgewood Village had minimal requests for supplies this year, but has continued building on the success of the past few years. They installed a hoophouse this season, but lost their 2 main garden leaders. A new staff person at Edgewood is hired to do senior programming and is the new garden contact. This garden was a highlight of the garden bus tour this past season, a real gem in the network.



Grange Acres

Grange Acres had a large expansion this season and required a good load of compost and service to get this going. We saw increased attendance at Garden Leaders Training to help grow the garden and even set up 'VIP' hours for Grange Acres gardeners to pick up supplies at the RC.

Wardcliff Garden

Wardcliff had about 100 gardeners this year in 65 plots. Another tour stop for the bus tour of gardens, Wardcliff continues to be community focused with many gardeners donating produce to area pantries.

Northwind Community Garden

Northwind had another successful season and another highlight of our bus tour. Regular potlucks and proximity to local businesses makes this garden a hub of activity throughout the season.



Other Notes

We had an attendee at Garden Leaders Training from Haslett that owns a small farm. There is interest to start a garden space on sight and we expect to hear more from this contact going forward over the next couple years. Overall, attendance at GLT from Meridian Township gardens was high this past season, which is a good sign for continuity of garden success as we also saw some garden leader turnover this season.