



The Garden Project Growing Healthy Food, Cultivating Connections

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Meridian Township Community Gardens Update 2011

Thank you for the support for community gardens and a healthier food system you have shown over the past two years. 2011 was another good year for Meridian Township community gardens; below are a few highlights of activities from the Meridian sites.



Edgewood Village Community Garden began in April 2011 with great leadership from residents and staff at Edgewood Village. The garden features 30 small plots, including 6 raised beds and a large children's section that serves kids in the Edgewood's programming. The garden installation, including fencing, compost, building raised beds etc., were completed with the help of The Garden Project's Garden Leaders Training graduates as a service day.



Okemos International Garden at Central/Cedar Creek continued with over 25 Cedar Creek families lovingly tending their plots. In addition, during spring 2011 Okemos Public Montessori students became involved in 2 plots; building and planting 8 raised beds. A shed and compost were other improvements in 2011.



Northwind Community Garden nearly doubled the number of gardeners over 2010, built compost bins, spread over 35 yards of compost, donated produce to



Haven House, added a new sign,



added a rainwater collection system that holds 500 gallons of water off businesses' roof and continued building a tight-knit group of gardens with an active e-mail list, potlucks and other community-building activities.

Wardcliff Garden was excited to add deer fencing to their garden this year, which they report has helped gardeners utilize more of their produce. They have also continued their donation section, donating over 325 pounds to the Haslett Food Pantry.



Marsh Pointe Garden has continued to meet the needs of Marsh Pointe residents and also continued their relationship with a local scout troop in order to help build and meet the physical needs of larger projects. This year they added compost and expanded their "in-ground section".