



### **Okemos International Garden at Central/Cedar Creek**

This was a successful season for 3 new families, bringing the total number of plots this year to 24. We continue to maintain good relations with Okemos Public Schools to perform tilling and grounds maintenance, organized a workday with partner business Target and delivered compost

purchased from Hammond Farms, utilizing our reduced rate trucking partner. This garden continues to provide a good gathering space for Meskhetian Turks and steps were taken to find a good garden leader to help the garden improve in self-sufficiency.



### **Marsh Pointe Garden**

Marsh Pointe Garden had a tough go of plant disease this year, but we were able to partner with a graduate student at MSU to provide technical assistance and diagnosis. Regardless, we were able to add gardeners bringing our total served to 16 families at this site. We were able to till this site, add horse manure (upon request of the garden leader) and provided many site visits, including providing MSU soil tests to help prevent future disease and increase fertility.

### **Grange Acres**

Has 20 gardeners this year and saw the addition of 3 new raised beds, bringing our total on site to 7. Residents came on a field trip to our Resource Center to pick up seeds and



plants and our continued collaboration has spurred the desire for expansion next year. We will look to add a shed this fall or spring and to expand the garden.

### **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. We were able to provide compost and some extra technical assistance . The garden was able to expand this year and hosted a summer Americorps member that we partnered with to increase services offered and the experience for gardeners. We expect to supply more tools this next season as the garden gains in popularity.

### **Northwind Community Garden**

Northwind continues to be a pride and joy. The tentative land arrangement meant that the garden continues to be cleaned significantly each year which keeps it clean and tidy, but leaves an air of uncertainty for the following season. Steps will be taken this winter to find a new home for one of the more successful community gardens in our network. Requests for supplies were limited to compost and straw. Attendance at garden leaders meetings was requested to assist with a transition plan and to meet with the land owner to guarantee full cleanup when the garden will no longer be allowed on the current site in the future. (Always on year to year agreement, landowner expects to develop parcel in the next



year.)

### **Wardcliff Garden**

Wardcliff had 94 gardeners this year, thanks to an expanded area, increasing the square feet of the garden to 7,800. Gardeners continue to give back to the community by donating over 200lbs of produce again, this time to the MSU Student Food Bank and to nearby East Glen Apt. East Glen is HUD section 8 housing for the elderly.

