

The Gardens Network



Supported by Community GroundWorks, Dane County-UW Extension and the City of Madison



Partnership Profile

The Gardens Network is supported by a collaborative partnership of Community GroundWorks, Dane County UW-Extension and the City of Madison. The partnership fosters community gardening

and greening in Madison and Dane County. The partnership functions as a connector of resources for gardeners and garden leaders, organizations, municipalities, initiatives, and programs working on community food issues. As the network expands, partnership participation and scope will naturally expand.

Our Mission

To foster healthy communities for individuals, youth, families and seniors in Madison and Dane County through community gardening and greening. We view gardens as ecological, social and cultural places to connect with others, be active, keep learning and give to the wider community.

Our Goals

- To increase access to safe, healthy and culturally appropriate food;
- To assure safe and available land to grow food;
- To provide accessible public spaces that increase social connectedness and cohesion, particularly for lower-income, minority and immigrant community members.
- To support community well-being through gardening and greening.

What Does This Mean For You and Your Garden?

Building on the knowledge gleaned from three decades of local community gardening and gardeners, the Gardens Network offers:

- “One-stop” resource for gardeners’ support
- Responsive and integrated partnership staff
- Legal resources: leases and liability insurance
- Horticulture expertise
- Master Gardener Volunteer support
- Garden infrastructure advice
- Leadership development, training and gatherings
- Annual Garden Summit
- Continuing education
- Collaborative planning process with garden leaders, organizations and municipalities
- Advocacy for gardening and greening
- Outreach and community engagement strategies
- Garden expansion/renovation support (2016)
- New garden development (2016)
- Growing garden contingency
- County-wide network of gardeners and leaders

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NETWORK:

<http://danecountycommunitygardens.org/>

ANSWERS TO GARDENING QUESTIONS:

Horticulture Hotline 608-224-3721

Email: horticulture@countyofdane.com

LEARN MORE at the GARDEN SUMMIT 2015:

Saturday, February 28, 2015

SUMMIT REGISTRATION:

<http://danecountycommunitygardens.org/connect/summit2015/>

We grow together in gardens.