

Outline, History & Development of Community Gardens: A Brief History of Urban Garden Programs in the States. Landscape Design Course

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1. What is a Community Garden- A space for gardens designed and developed by local residents or organizations for the purpose of gardening.
  
2. Benefits-several can be listed
  
3. How do we Sustain these Gardens - (need to have a budget and dedication of committed garden Leaders.

a) Plan and Design

b) Build It

c) Participation

d) Program

e) Outreach

4. Historical Aspects

a) Vacant Lot (1893-1897)

b) Children's Garden Movement (1890-1920's)

c) Civic Beautification (1890's-1920's)

d) War Gardens (1917-1919)

e) Relief & Subsistence Garden (1931-35)

f) Victory Gardens (1941-45)

g) Community Garden Movement (1970's-today)

5. Why are Community and Urban Gardens Needed?

Economic Depression, Urban Food Deserts, Environmentalism, Grow Organically, Socialization

6. Leadership & Participation -groups started by charitable groups focused on poor & immigrants -Now a shift to community activism and gardening benefits the individuals

Without the interest it goes nowhere!

7. Gardens as Place-how do you get the garden space?

Borrowed from public land or short term lease-need to raise money

Fundraising or Grants for paid staff and a plan for volunteers (use interns to learn). Purchase materials

Become a 5013C?