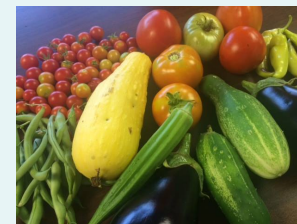


Henderson County Community/Charity/School Garden Workshop Series

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Objective:

The objective of the **Henderson County Community/Charity/School Garden Workshop Series** is to identify local community, charity, and school gardens then teach the garden leaders management skills and increase their horticultural skills. Eventually we would like to form a committee of garden leaders that will meet regularly to learn from each other.



Because of your involvement with a Community, Charity, or School Garden, you are being invited to attend a FREE workshop that is being sponsored by the NC State Henderson County Cooperative Extension Center. The event will be held at the beautiful Highland Lake Cove Resort and Learning Center in Fair Road, NC on June 24, 2019 from 9:00am-4:30pm. Please take this opportunity to network with other community/charity/school garden managers and to learn how to be a successful garden manager.

2019 North Carolina Community/Charity/School Gardens Workshop June 24, 2019

8:30-9:00 am	Registration
9:00-10:00 am	Terry Kullback, PhD, Director, Henderson County NCCE, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
10:00-11:00 am	Becky Griffin, UGA Community & School Garden Coordinator, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
11:00-12:00 pm	John Murphy, Director, Henderson County Extension Agent, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm	Steve Pettis, Henderson County Extension Agent, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
2:00-3:00 pm	Becky Griffin, UGA Community & School Garden Coordinator, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
3:00-4:00 pm	Elizabeth Moss, Director, Southeastern Extension Station, 1000 Westmonte, Henderson County Community for Youth, Wehaver
4:00-4:15 pm	Dismissal, Chicago Inn

RSVP
 Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Number of attendees: _____
 Cost: [Community/Charity/School Garden Workshop](#)

Community Gardens-Making it Happen A to Z

02/25/2020-02/25/2020 (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)

Community Gardens-Making it Happen A to Z

Learn how to successfully establish and manage a Community Garden with Jane Croppman, Manager of Beautiful Harvest Community Garden in Hendersonville and Steve Pettis, Horticulture Extension Agent, Henderson County. Discussion will include tips on getting started, selecting a site, planning and designing the garden, garden guidelines and management. This program is appropriate for HOA's, churches, small communities and businesses. Free, but please register.

Location: Bullington Gardens

(828) 698-6104

[More Info](#) | [Make a Reservation](#)

Response:

County Agents and Extension Master Gardener Volunteers with NC State Cooperative Extension work to increase agricultural awareness and fresh food opportunities among members of their communities. Henderson County Extension Agents and Extension Master Gardener Volunteers have worked to identify, coordinate, and educate the many leaders of local community gardens. Efforts to provide leadership and to organize these garden leaders and to educate them in horticultural and public service have been ongoing. Workshops were implemented.



Speakers included Becky Griffin, UGA Community and School Garden Coordinator, Steve Pettis, Horticulture Agent Henderson County, and John Murphy, Director of Bullington Gardens.

Results:

Henderson County Extension Agents have identified 14 community gardens, 8 charity gardens, and 17 school gardens exist in Henderson County. The managers of these gardens were invited to attend two free workshops:

Community/Charity/School Garden Workshop Summer 2019 and Community Gardens- Making it Happen A-Z Spring 2020.

NC State Extension collaborated with Henderson County Public Schools, Henderson County Partnership for Health, Healthy People Healthy Carolinas, HC Community Foundation, and the University of Georgia to provide education. A \$2000.00 grant was obtained from the HC Community Foundation to pay for meeting space, food, and printing.

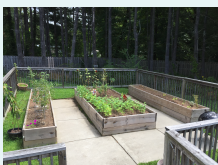
Conclusion:

Community/Charity/School Gardens are an important way to teach agricultural literacy and to increase fresh food opportunities. Efforts by Extension Agents and Extension Master Gardeners to provide leadership and to organize the local community, charity, and school garden leaders and to educate them in horticultural and public service has created a new organization in Henderson County. The Community/Charity/School Garden Committee will start meeting in 2020.

Situation:

Surveys of young people across the country have shown that children lack basic knowledge about how their food is produced. Many areas of our state have been labeled a 'food desert' by the USDA, meaning access to fresh foods is low. Community, charity, and school gardens teach agricultural awareness and increase access to fresh foods.

Henderson County in western North Carolina has a population of over 120,000. Nearly 10% of these residents live in poverty. Many charities exist to provide those in need with necessities. Local community, charity, and school gardens donate vegetables to these local charities. The managers of these gardens work independently to educate children and adults about the benefits of vegetable gardening and to produce vegetables for the underprivileged.



Retirement home garden.



Free Clinics Community Garden serves low income clientele.



Many churches host community gardens locally.

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