City of High Point

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Meeting Agenda

Community Development Committee

Tyrone Johnson, Chair
Tim Andrew
Amanda Cook
Vickie M. McKiver

Mayor Cyril Jefferson (Alternate)
Mayor Pro Tempore Michael Holmes (Alternate)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 **4:00 PM** **Council Chambers**

Community Development Committee - Council Member Johnson, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2024-007 Community Gardens Update
Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program.

Attachments: Community Gardens Update

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF HIGH POINT
AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: **Community Gardens Update**	
FROM: Thanena Wilson, Director Community Development & Housing	**MEETING DATE**: January 9, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: n/a	**ADVERTISED DATE/BY**: n/a
ATTACHMENTS: Presentation	

PURPOSE:

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program in High Point for the period July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The role of the Community and School Garden Agent is to assist individuals, communities, agencies and schools with establishing and sustaining community and school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMENDATION /ACTION REQUESTED:

No action to be taken.

Community & School Gardens Program
High Point Community
Extension Agent Advisory Update

July 1 – December 31, 2023

50 Community Gardens in High Point

- **7 Neighborhood Gardens**: Bountiful Harvest (West End Ministries), Burns Hill, Cedar St, East Ave, Gatewood, Howard Pl, Southside Garden

- **17 School Gardens:** Allen Jay, Andrews HS, Fairview Elem, Ferndale MS, Florence Elem, High Point Central, Johnson Street Global, Kirkman Park Elem, Montlieu Academy, Northwood Elem, Oak Hill Elem, Oak View Elem, Penn Griffin MS, Shadybrook Elem, Southwest Guilford MS, Triangle Lake Montessori,
  Union Hill Elem

- **3 Youth Gardens**: Bailey's Enrichment ECE, D-Up, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club

- **12 Community Organizations**: Covenant UMC, High Point Kiwanis, High Point Library Teaching Garden, Morehead Recreation, Oakview Recreation, The Arc of High Point, Pennybyrn, People of God, Salvation Army Hope Center, Tumani-Hope (World Relief), Southside Orchard, Village Life Cathedral, Mosaic Community Garden

- **11 Urban Agriculture**: Beeson, Deacon Davis
  Growing High Point (White Oak/Walnut, Thissell Grow, Pershing, East Green, Hopyard, Drozik's Produce, Eatz & Beetz, Furlough, Ridge Berry)

2023 City of High Point Community Garden Assistance APPROVED

Neighborhood Gardens, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizations:

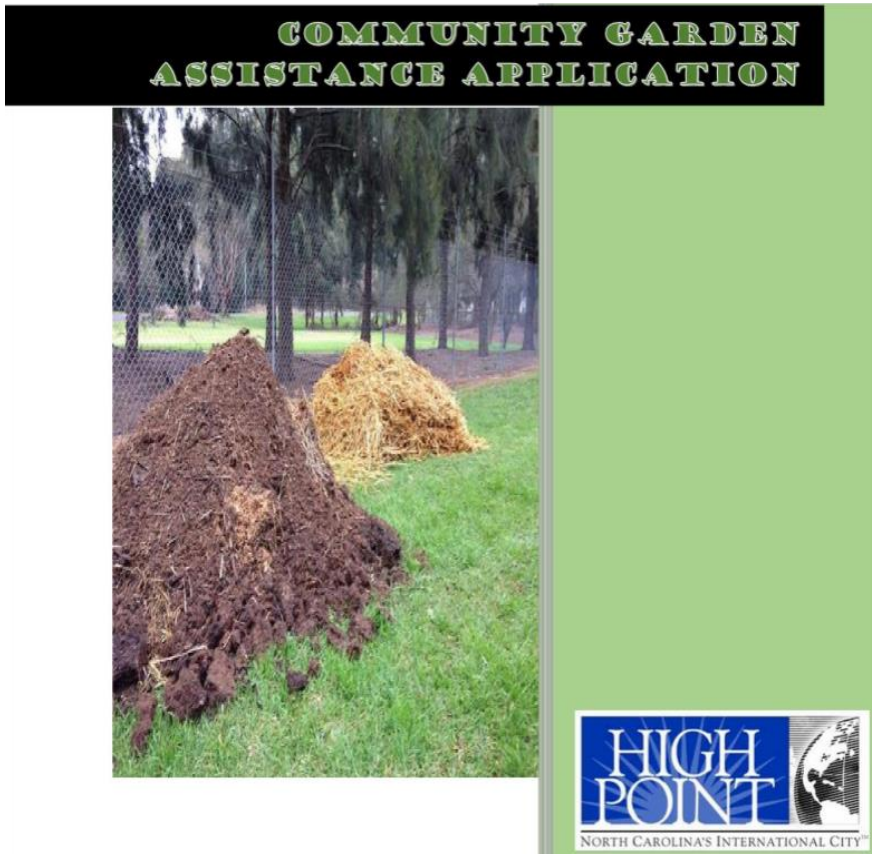
- Burns Hill
- Cedar Street
- Deacon Davis @ Heroes Center
- East Avenue
- Howard Place
- Ridge Berry Farm
- Southside Community Orchard
- Southside Community Garden
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden

School:

- Fairview Elementary

Support for New and Existing Gardens

City of High Point 2023



11 Grants Received Totaling $942.54
(City of High Point spent between Jan-June)

- 1.5 tons of wood mulch
- 61 tons of topsoil
- 33 tons of compost
- 6 tons of leaf mulch

Fair Market Value: $2,208.80

- $17/ton – mulch
- $22/ton – everything else

SAVINGS - $1,266.26

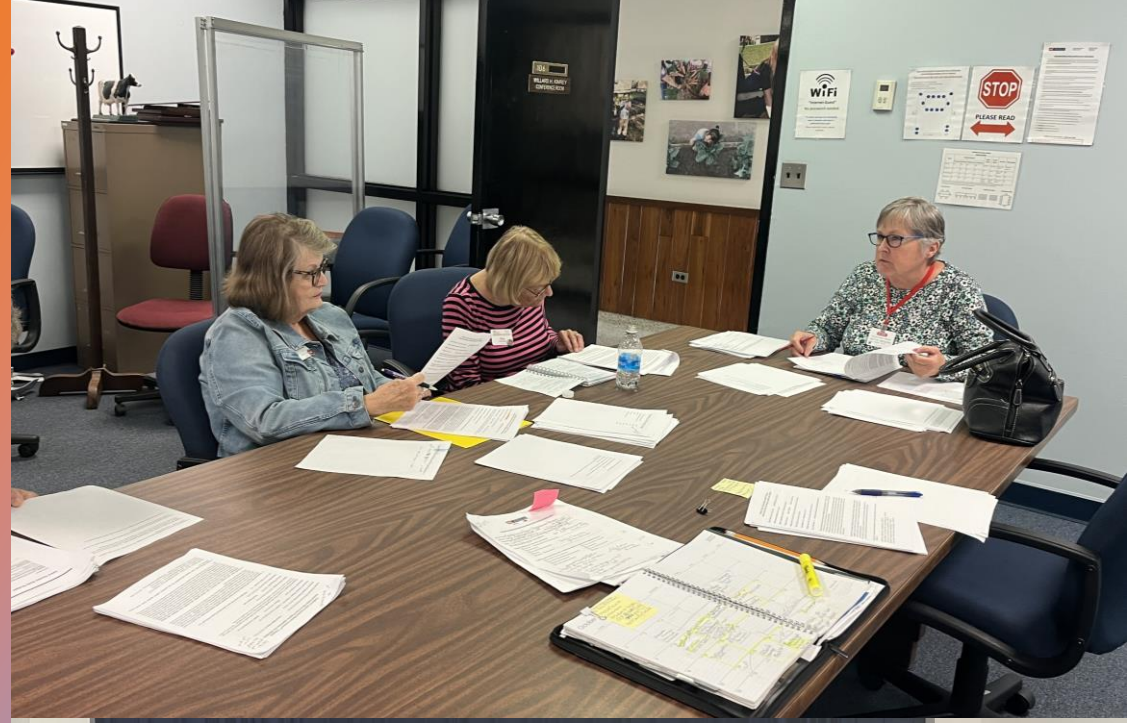
New & Re-Start Gardens

High Point:

- High Point Friends School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Fairview Elementary (adding additional beds)

Greensboro:

- New Hope Community Garden
- Gibsonville Community Garden
- Christ Cathedral of the Triad



NC STATE EXTENSION

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EMGV School Garden Micro-Grant Committee ($300)

Micro-Grants Awards:

- Fairview Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- High Point Friends School
- TW Andrews High School
- Sylvia Mendez Newcomers School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Union Hill Elementary

High Point Friends School

Shadybrook Elementary

The Arc of High Point Open House

The Arc
High Point

Highland Mills Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting

Urban Agriculture Committee
Free Plant Giveaway

Integrated Pest Management Workshop

Urban Ag Committee Presents High Point Community Garden Contest Winners

- **Best Overall Community Garden**: Bountiful Harvest (Kevin Warden)
- **Best Use of Output Materials**: The Arc of High Point (Wendy Brosnan)
- **Best Sustainable Community Garden**: Southside Community Garden (Johnny Horne)
- **Best New Community Garden**: Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden (Jocelyn Anderson)

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GREATER HIGH POINT FOOD ALLIANCE

Upcoming Events 2024

- Seeds to Share – February 10
- Spring Gardening – March 16
- Summer Gardening – May 18
- Fall Gardening – August 17
- Free Plant Giveaway - TBA

Seeds to Share

Free Seeds for Community & School Gardens in Guilford County

veggies / flowers / herbs / heirlooms

GREENSBORO

SAT 3 FEB

9AM - 12PM

N.C. Cooperative Extension
3309 Burlington Rd
Greensboro, NC

HIGH POINT

SAT 10 FEB

9AM - 12PM

High Point Public Library
901 N Main Street
High Point, NC

Seeds have been generously donated by garden centers and seed companies. Garden experts will be available to answer questions. Contact Crystal Mercer at crystal_mercer@ncsu.edu

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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Soviero's Tri-County Garden Center