
Our Vision is ...

A large sustainable garden capable of meeting the needs of Waupaca Area Citizens.

Our Mission is ...

To develop a large sustainable garden capable of providing fresh produce to meet the nutritional needs of charitable outlets in our community.

- All the work at the garden is voluntary.
- All produce is given freely and fairly.
- All monies raised or donated are used to purchase plants, seeds, or equipment for the production of the garden.



From the beginning...

In 2007 the accomplishments include partnerships and garden plans, start-up money, a 3-year school district land agreement, a seed drive, seedlings, erection of a deer fence, creation of a water sprinkling system, collecting basic gardening equipment, internet web calendar for volunteers, and marketing (i.e. newspaper, local tv, and posters).

The *Central Partnership Committee* is core to this sound community venture. It is diverse including volunteers from youth service organizations, Waupaca County Master Gardeners, Waupaca Food Pantry, Waupaca Area Bread Basket, Lions and Rotary, Waupaca School District staff and students, Waupaca Area Chamber and the City of Waupaca.



Volunteers from all these organizations contributed over **500 hours** coupled to a fiscal partnership agreement with Waupaca County Natural Resource Foundation, private donations, and a grant from Fox Valley Community Foundation secured a basis for fertile growth.

2007 Community Volunteers planted a variety of vegetables including:

- 300 tomato plants
- 100 pepper plants
- 350 hills of squash, pumpkin, watermelon, and cantaloupe

2007 Garden harvested:

- Over 2500 lbs of fresh vegetables
- Over 6000 tomatoes
- Over 1000 onions
- Over 1000 green and chili peppers
- Over 500 potatoes
- Over 1000 squash
- And hundreds of pounds of other vegetables

“Most fresh produce is shared within 24 hours,” says Terry Kramer.



Waupaca Community/School Garden

*Locally grown vegetables
to provide nutritious food
for community folk*



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Waupaca Community Garden



As in most great service efforts the collective voices of students, gardeners, caregivers, teachers and health professionals were the inspiration behind creating a vegetable garden that produces fresh, wholesome foods for those in need in the Waupaca area.

The Waupaca Food Pantry, Bread Basket, Senior Nutrition Site, and local nursing homes work diligently to meet the nutritional needs of citizens in our community, but as we are aware food resources are scarce and demand, especially for fresh vegetables, continues to grow. The bounty from the Waupaca Community Garden has helped alleviate the needs somewhat, but there is much more to be done.

Needs of our Community

Forty seven percent of Waupaca Area families have to work two jobs to stay above the poverty line. The number of clients for the Waupaca Food Pantry grew by 30% in the summer of 2007 alone. The Bread Basket prepares over 250 meals a week for hungry neighbors of our community.

We need your help TO GROW!

Waupaca Garden grew from the dedication and creativity of local volunteers. For this project to continue the following pieces are still in great demand: more volunteers, garden tools, soil testing, small garden tractor, seedlings, fertilizer, weed and insect control, composting materials, crates for hauling, and a large storage shed.

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"Next season we hope to double our yield to help meet the growing demand," says Pat Phair.



University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

Field of Dreams



Childhood obesity has influenced all parts of our society. Families and individuals need more healthy options to improve their lifestyles.

Society's overweight trends affect the bottom line of business, quality of life for seniors, and academic learning of our children. Better food choices can help. The dream is to make available more fresh vegetables, add fruit trees, fruit bushes and other perennials for future harvest.

Good stewards of this garden recognize the needs of the our community. Help this project as it gears itself to that end.

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The Waupaca Community Garden has a fiscal 501(c)(3) agreement with Waupaca County Natural Resource Foundation and can accept tax-deductible donations.

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