Who We Are

The North Coast Community Garden Collaborative is a grassroots group that encourages community gardening as a form of direct action to increase the level of food security and food sovereignty in the north coast region. We aim to link existing neighborhood supported garden efforts, both emerging and developed, in an effort to understand their resources and needs, and assist in their further development as part of a strong local food system.

Vision

Community gardens are an on-the-ground approach to increasing people’s access to affordable, healthy, fresh, and culturally appropriate food sources. These gardens include food pantry gardens, gardens for homeless or runaway youth, school gardens, neighborhood gardens, or small-scale urban farms dedicated to growing food for local food banks or service organizations. By connecting these diverse gardens, we become resources for each other - through pooling labor and volunteers, sharing seeds and plant starts, creating tool shares and exchanges, and sharing knowledge from our successes and challenges. We create ties to each other around the sense of growing food, and we provide another community strategy aimed at increasing access to locally grown food resources on the North Coast.

History

The “Garden Collaborative” formed in the Spring of 2009 to connect local community garden efforts and to be a resource for a range of topics related to community based gardening. Some of these topics include: the logistics of running a community garden, finding available land, how to organize a volunteer work day, and improving the feasibility of garden projects through advocacy of garden-supportive zoning codes and other city and County policies.

Accomplishments

Though we have not been around for long, we have been busy little bees. We have gained a diverse support network of passionate community members, with numerous partnering organizations offering in-kind services and other support. The Garden Collaborative currently works with over 40 community gardens in Humboldt County, and several community gardens in Trinity and Del Norte counties as well.

How To Get Involved

Are you interested in....

- Renting a garden plot from a local community garden?
- Starting a community garden in your neighborhood?
- Supporting community gardens?
- Volunteering or donating materials?

If so, please fill out the portion below and send it our way so we can add you to our growing mailing list!

Everyone Can Help!

There are many ways to lend support! If you don’t have time to volunteer or money to give, maybe you have extra tools, soil, plant starts, or seeds to donate, or can provide guidance on composting techniques, web design, outreach, or perhaps you have land to donate or share.... the list goes on! We need you! Please mail us this form with your contact information in the space below or contact us directly with your ideas.

Name: __________________________
Phone: _________________________
Email: _________________________
Area of Interest (getting a plot, garden management, volunteering, donating land, etc.): ____________________________

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