

# PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP Community Garden

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## Plumsted Township Community Garden Mission Statement

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A community initiative to enable members of the Plumsted community to grow organic produce for people in need, share ideas, and learn a range of sustainable gardening programs.

### **Vision, Mission, and Values**

- Our Vision is that the Plumsted Community Garden is a place where all people of all abilities will build relationships and promote healthy living.
- Our Mission is that the garden will be a welcoming outdoor community place where the focus is on people, sustainable organic gardening, learning, teaching and healthy food choices.
- Our Values are welcoming, inclusivity, and earth-centered..

### **To achieve our Vision and Mission our Community Garden will:**

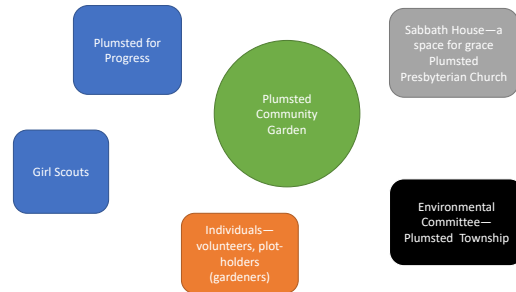
- allow members to participate in decision making and to consider the social and community impacts of the decision
- work with and through others committed to building healthy and active communities
- develop partnerships and networks with government, community, public and private sector
- focus on the sustainability of programs and initiatives over the longer term
- act against discrimination – treating everyone as “equal” and with respect.

### **Our Community Garden will:**

- promote exercise and enjoyment of the outdoors and the Earth,
- connect people in our neighborhood,
- encourage inter-generational and inter-cultural interactions and learning.
- enable access to fresh nutritious food

Originally developed in 2016, the Plumsted Township Community Garden is being redeveloped thanks to several organizations and individuals that came together to work on the project. These include:

- Sabbath House—a space for grace
- Plumsted for Progress
- A Girl Scout troop
- Individuals—gardeners and other volunteers
- The Environmental Committee of Plumsted Township



Garden plans for 2021 include:

- The Garden itself: replacement of the four original raised beds (installed in 2013), three additional in-ground beds, a few “bean circles” (tipis with climbing and flowering beans), a pizza garden for the Girl Scouts, and a pumpkin/squash patch with “three sisters” mixed in. With two of the beds planted with a wildflower mix, we’re excited that some of the property will be returned to nature.
- Sharing fresh, organic food with people in need.
- A series of events in the Garden, including the “Let’s get this garden started” event on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; workshops on various garden-related topics, healthy food choices and food preparation; opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors of all ages and cultures, with some music and the arts mixed in to make it even more beautiful.
- Moving toward sustainability, i.e., increasing community participation and financial stability.

Our planning team also identified hopes and dreams, i.e., what do we see in our future Community Garden? Here are some of our thoughts. We envision the Plumsted Community Garden at Sabbath House as being the heart of a larger Community Garden made up of gardens throughout the local community. We dream of being a central point where people who grow food in their gardens can share it with people who need it, in the hope that everyone’s needs can be met—perhaps at open air markets. We hope that people of different backgrounds and worldviews can get to know each other, build relationships, strengthen the fabric of the community, and build awareness of our connection to the Earth.

For more information or to volunteer visit our Facebook page

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