

Community & School Garden Y3 Report to Coalition

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Community & School Gardens

3 Gardens

1. Preschool including GrowLabs for indoor growing
2. Klager including both the Klager garden and 2 plots in the Community Garden
3. Community Garden

History of the garden:

2010 – no funding, restored Klager garden, indoor gardening at CO-OP

2011 - \$500 from Kiwanis, \$300 Worth repeating to expand Klager garden and develop pumpkin patch in the location for Community Garden

2012 - \$1000 Kiwanis, \$7000 (Y1 Plan), 1st 45x80 Community Garden & expand Klager Garden

2013 – \$1000 Kiwanis - add 2nd garden + MECC garden + Grow Labs (used rest of Y1 Plan funds)

2014 - \$2500 CWF (Y2 Plan)

2015 - \$7470 CWF (Y3 Plan) – water system to be installed early 2016, Growlab for CO-OP

2016 - \$2000 CWF (Y4 Plan)

Preschool Garden

- 5 classes of MECC + 2 classes CO-OP Preschool (102 students)
- 10 week program, once a week, 15-20 minutes/class
- Subjects:
 - Soil – different kinds of soil and how to water plants, plant peas
 - Seeds – where do seeds come from, plant tomatoes and peppers (used for Preschool and Klager garden)
 - Vegetables versus Flowers – plant marigold for Mothers Day
 - Seed identification – what's a seed, what is not (April 1)
 - Composting and why worms are important for garden soil
 - Space – how much space do different types of plants need.
 - Planting outdoors
- New for 2015, we offered all families seeds, plants, tools, or a take home garden. 11 families participated in this.

Preschool garden

Becky Brewis – "I love to look out my window at school and see the mouths of these young students which are red from eating strawberries and raspberries."



Both MECC and CO-OP offered summer programs so garden produce was used for snacks and lunch all summer

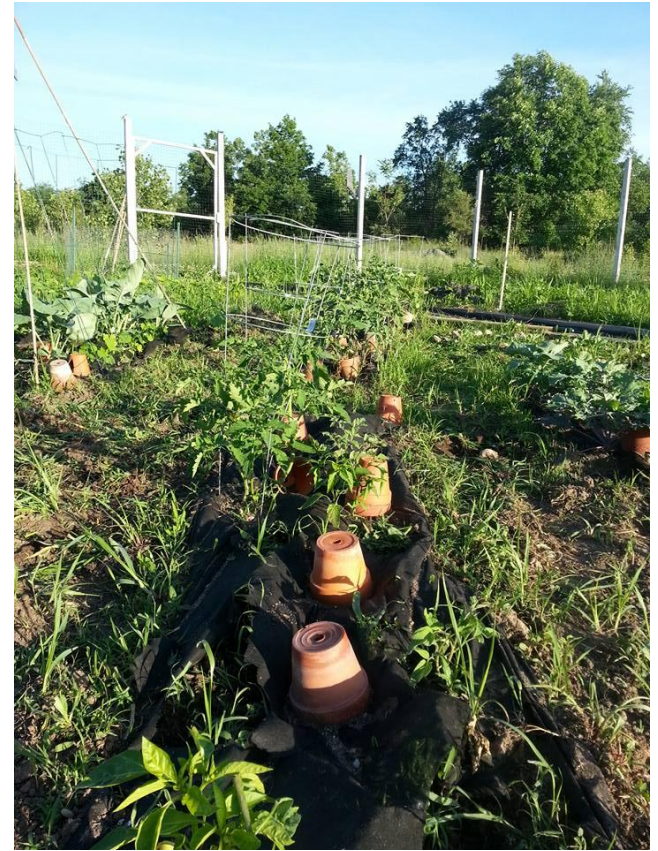
Klager Gardening

- 10 classes participated in the program.
- 14 days of gardening = 42 thirty minute sessions
- May Sessions: clean-up + planting
- Summer:
 - 2 days/week - Stephanie Ball
 - recorded 57 pounds

Community Garden

- 19 plots rented
 - 9 plots to returning gardeners,
 - 10 to new gardeners
- 83 lb recorded (scale & log lost in late July)
- One entire garden – weed control experiment
- Y2 funds - Garden Shed was built by boy scouts
- Proposal to install new watering system in 2016

Community Garden



Community Garden



Scouts who help build the shed

Name	Age	Troop Position
Tyler Elliott-	15	Senior Patrol Leader
Bailey Elliott-	13	Assistant Patrol Leader
Logan Luckhardt-	13	Patrol Leader
Chance Lowery-	14	Troop Guide
Derek Brickley-	15	Bugler
Collin Campbell	11	Patrol Leader
Jeff Elliott-		Scout Master
Sherman Elliott		
Tammy Elliott		Medical Specialist
Lance Luckhardt		Assistant Scout Master
Sean Lowery		
Brian Brickley		
Greg Campbell		



Collaborations

- **Math & Science Night**
— *committee members host one activity at this event*
- **Manchester District Library** – *seed catalog is a community hit, seeds donated but also purchased seeds to round out the catalog*
- **Farmers Market** – *1st market hosted garden exchange, last market in May helped with Make a Garden event.*
- **CRC** – *helping with their composting project*



2016

- Finish up Y3 projects (water) and request change in use of funds to buy a GrowLab for the CO-OP preschool.
- Y4 (2016 Gardening) changes. Becky Brewis is the new Community Ed Director so will work with her to see if we can change the Klager Summer Gardening Program to a broader Community Ed project.