



# DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL DONATION GARDEN

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a safe and accessible garden growing space for the Winneshiek County community. Outreaching to community members through educational opportunities collaborating with 4-H members, Master Gardeners, RSVP volunteers, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Winneshiek County.

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Winneshiek County
  - Master Gardeners
  - 4-H Members
  - Extension Staff
- Northeast Iowa RSVP Volunteer Program
- Green Iowa AmeriCorps
- Green Belt Custom Landscape Design

## FUNDING

- Spilde Memorial
- Growing Together Grant
- Farm Credit Services of America Grant
- Kerndt Brothers Bank
- Winneshiek County Farm Bureau
- Decorah Elks Lodge
- Depot Grant
- Plant Iowa Beautiful by Alliant Energy

## EDUCATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Volunteers helped build, grow and pick produce
- Taught planning and building skills
- Gave tour to the community
- Food pantries received educational recourses and produce
- Interactive signs

### Upcoming for 2023

- 4-H Garden Club
- Weekly volunteer sign up
- Youth workshop
- Extension specialists lead education programs



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“The Winneshiek garden was one of 33 county Growing Together Iowa mini-grants, that collectively grew 114,793 pounds of fruits and vegetables that were donated to 115 food pantries and distribution sites serving almost 67,000 Iowans,” shared by Katie Sorrell a Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Coordinator.

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## GOALS

- Donate produce to the local food pantries
- Provide an interactive educational garden
- Build and complete the ongoing garden infrastructure
- Provide an accessible garden to the community
- Intergenerational collaboration
- Partner with educators to provide learning opportunities
- Track produce by pounds
- Install a perennial crop trail plot
- Training volunteers on food safety

## IMPACT

- Decrease food insecurity in our community
- Increase access to fresh produce
- Increase learning opportunities
- Increase wellness and physical activity
- Increase social interaction and networking
- Increase a habitat for ecology

## 2022 STATS

- Planning began: January
- Broke ground: April
- Planted vegetable plants: June and July
- Produce donated: 750 lbs
- Volunteer hours: 640
- Funding raised: \$30,000
- Features completed: fence, raised beds, irrigation, pergolas, produce cleaning station, handicaps assemble surface, and storage shed