Mt. Airy Has a Community Garden!

This past winter, the idea for establishing a community garden was hatched. A small, but passionate committee was formed, a location was selected and several members attended classes at the Civic Garden Center to learn more about what it takes to make this idea successful. After numerous planning meetings, things quickly got under way. A strategy that involved fundraising, pursuing grant opportunities and organizing volunteer events all of which proved to be successful and within a short period of time, the Mt. Airy Commons Community Garden was established. (read more)

The critical question of location was addressed by asking how the garden could have the most impact on the neighborhood. Since Mt. Airy CURE already owned a barren half acre spot in the heart of the neighborhood, we

felt this would be ideal and could have the most impact in bringing positive change to the community. After passing rigorous soil testing, the site was chosen behind the Mt. Airy Commons parking lot at 5536 Colerain Ave.

It was decided to start with relatively modest goals, but also have an ambitious vision for one of the coolest green spaces in the city. Eight raised garden beds were built with high quality cedar planking and planted with a plethora of nutritious vegetables and herbs. In addition, a thriving pumpkin patch and pollinator garden were established. Some of the exciting future plans that have already been funded through successful grant applications include a high tunnel to be able to extend our growing season, a fruit orchard and a nature loop trail.

It has been less than a year since this big idea was hatched and the level of progress has been amazing thanks to the passion of our committee. We still have a lot more to do and look to 2025 as the year that engages the community to be active participants. We are looking not just for new volunteers and donors, but also for those interested in adopting a plot to start growing their own delicious and nutritious edible treats. We invite you to email us at mtairyccg@qgmail.com if you would like to receive email updates about the garden or perhaps become an active pa