

Community Garden Volunteer Days: Equal Parts Productive, Rewarding and Fun!

2024 is the inaugural year for the Mt. Airy Commons Community Garden and we have gotten off to a flying start! Last winter, the space was an unsightly, overgrown half acre that was crying out for a major transformation. Trash had been blowing into the area over time and illegal dumping was a constant problem. During the spring, our newly formed community garden committee convened many meetings and put together a comprehensive plan to make our vision become a reality. We knew we would need lots of help, so we started reaching out to the neighborhood, the city and the business community to organize multiple volunteer days.

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On April 19, we partnered with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Aiken High School Urban Agriculture Program to primarily work on clearing the area of dumped items, trash and unwanted organic debris. There was a tremendous feeling of camaraderie and a palpable vibe was present among all participants that we were engaging in something special that would have a lasting impact for years to come.



On May 10, we kicked off construction of the garden. Our corporate partner, Duke Energy, provided energetic and skilled volunteers to help build the frames for eight raised beds and we filled them with rich soil to officially get

the Mount Airy Commons Community Garden established. Generous private donations made this all possible.

We are continuing to have more volunteer events and are working on building our dedicated base of committed garden enthusiasts. We would love to hear from you so that we can send you future notifications when we schedule volunteer days. Please send us a line at mtairyccg@gmail.com to get on our list.