

## Financial Aid Program

To ensure gardening opportunities are available to all members of the Bloomington community, financial assistance is available for those in need to help cover garden plot rental fees.

**For more information or to receive an application, call the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700.**



To address issues of community food security, Bloomington Parks and Recreation joins with Bloomingfoods Market and Deli, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, and Hoosier Hills Food Bank in encouraging gardeners to grow an extra row for a hungry family. In 2017, the campaign raised more than 27,500 pounds of fresh produce, which was distributed through the food bank to community members in need.

**For more information on how to participate, contact [communitygardens@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:communitygardens@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3704.**

## Volunteer!

A favorite of volunteer groups, the gardens benefit from a number of service projects throughout the gardening year. Volunteer groups assist the staff in maintaining paths, turning compost, weeding, and creating and maintaining ornamental, wildlife, and demonstration plantings. Volunteers ages 12 years and up are welcome. The gardens can accommodate groups of 5–25 volunteers. Individuals are welcome to volunteer as well.

**To register for this volunteer opportunity, visit [bloomington.in.gov/parksvol](http://bloomington.in.gov/parksvol).**

## Donations

The Community Gardening program benefits from generous donations from corporations, businesses, groups, and individuals in the form of seeds, plants, tools, soil amendments, and other supplies, which allow us to keep our gardening opportunities affordable to all. Donations are accepted throughout the year.

**Contact [kitowskir@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:kitowskir@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3704 for more information about donations.**



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**[bloomington.gov/community-gardening](http://bloomington.gov/community-gardening)**



## The Community Gardening Program

Grow closer to your food! Community Gardening offers a variety of gardening opportunities for individuals, families, groups, and organizations. Services provided in the gardens include the initial preparation of the garden area, water sources, maintained paths, composting facilities, fencing, the advice of program staff, and the *Garden Beet* newsletter. Communal tools are available for use at scheduled times during the week. Gardeners with disabilities or other limitations will find gardening support, including accessible raised beds and access to adaptive tools. Both gardens have plenty of conveniently located parking and are accessible by Bloomington Transit bus routes. Plots are available for use starting in mid-April. Some plots at Willie Streeter, including raised beds, and all plots at Butler Park allow for year-round use.

### How to register

Returning gardeners in good standing may renew the rental of the same plot(s) in which they gardened in 2017 between February 1–16. New gardeners and returning gardeners who wish to garden in an additional plot or in plot(s) other than those rented in 2017 may register on a first-come, first-served basis starting on February 20. For more information or to receive a registration packet, please call 812-349-3704 or email [communitygardens@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:communitygardens@bloomington.in.gov).



## Willie Streeter Community Gardens

Located on South Highland Avenue near the YMCA, Willie Streeter Community Gardens are the Community Gardening program's oldest and largest gardens. Since opening in 1984, the garden has grown to include 180 garden plots and raised beds.

Code	Cost	Description
165202-A	\$37/in-city, \$44/non-city	Organic Small Plot (approx. 100 sq. ft.)
165202-B	\$73/in-city, \$85/non-city	Organic Large Plot (approx. 200 sq. ft.)
165202-C	\$37/in-city, \$44/non-city	Organic Raised Bed (32 sq. ft.)
165202-D	\$73/in-city, \$85/non-city	Conventional Large Plot (approx. 200 sq. ft.)

## Butler Park Community Gardens

Located in Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park at the intersection of West Ninth and North Fairview Streets, the Butler Park Community Garden enables gardeners to learn and practice the techniques of organic gardening in rented plots. Now in its eighth season, the garden includes 38 organic in-ground plots available in two sizes and three raised beds for rent. This garden area also supports the Community Gardening program's partnership with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, a local food resource center, by providing space for them to maintain a hoop house, continue their youth and gardening internship programs, and produce more food for those in need.

Code	Cost	Description
165201-A	\$33/in-city, \$38/non-city	Organic Small Plot (approx. 95 sq. ft.)
165201-B	\$33/in-city, \$38/non-city	Organic Raised Bed (approx. 32 sq. ft.)
165201-C	\$51/in-city, \$59/non-city	Organic Large Plot (approx. 140 sq. ft.)

## Community Gardening Classes

The Community Gardening program offers a variety of gardening and orchard management classes. For more information, and current class listings, visit [bloomington.in.gov/community-gardening](http://bloomington.in.gov/community-gardening).

