# CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Community & School Gardens Update	
FROM: Thanena Wilson, Director Community Development and Housing	MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: n/a	ADVERTISED DATE/BY: n/a
ATTACHMENTS: High Point Community Extension	Agent Advisory Presentation

## **PURPOSE:**

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program in High Point for the period July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The role of the Community and School Garden Agent is to assist individuals, communities, agencies and schools with establishing and sustaining community and school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

## **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None

# **RECOMENDATION /ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action to be taken.







# Community & School Gardens Program High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Update

July 1 – December 31, 2023







# 50 Community Gardens in High Point

- 7 Neighborhood Gardens: Bountiful Harvest (West End Ministries), Burns Hill, Cedar St, East Ave, Gatewood, Howard Pl, Southside Garden
- 17 School Gardens: Allen Jay, Andrews HS, Fairview Elem, Ferndale MS, Florence Elem, High Point Central, Johnson Street Global, Kirkman Park Elem, Montlieu Academy, Northwood Elem, Oak Hill Elem, Oak View Elem, Penn Griffin MS, Shadybrook Elem, Southwest Guilford MS, Triangle Lake Montessori, Union Hill Elem
- 3 Youth Gardens: Bailey's Enrichment ECE, D-Up, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- 12 Community Organizations: Covenant UMC, High Point Kiwanis, High Point Library Teaching Garden, Morehead Recreation, Oakview Recreation, The Arc of High Point, Pennybyrn, People of God, Salvation Army Hope Center, Tumani-Hope (World Relief), Southside Orchard, Village Life Cathedral, Mosaic Community Garden
- 11 Urban Agriculture: Beeson, Deacon Davis
   Growing High Point (White Oak/Walnut, Thissell Grow, Pershing, East
   Green, Hopyard, Drozik's Produce, Eatz & Beetz, Furlough, Ridge Berry)

2023 City of High Point Community Garden Assistance **APPROVED** 

# Neighborhood Gardens, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizations:

- Burns Hill
- Cedar Street
- Deacon Davis @ Heroes Center
- East Avenue
- Howard Place
- Ridge Berry Farm
- Southside Community Orchard
- Southside Community Garden
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden

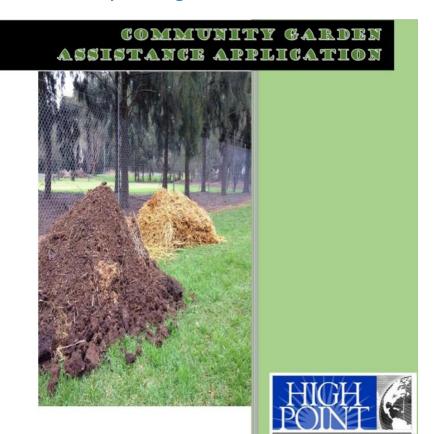
# School:

Fairview Elementary

# Support for New and Existing Gardens



City of High Point 2023



11 Grants Received Totaling \$942.54 (City of High Point spent between Jan-June)

- 1.5 tons of wood mulch
- 61 tons of topsoil
- 33 tons of compost
- 6 tons of leaf mulch

Fair Market Value: \$2,208.80

- \$17/ton mulch
- \$22/ton everything else

**SAVINGS - \$1,266.26** 

# New & Re-Start Gardens

# High Point:

- High Point Friends School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Fairview Elementary (adding additional beds)

# Greensboro:

- New Hope Community Garden
- Gibsonville Community Garden
- Christ Cathedral of the Triad



Master Gardener | Guilford County Volunteer Association

# EMGV School Garden Micro-Grant Committee (\$300)

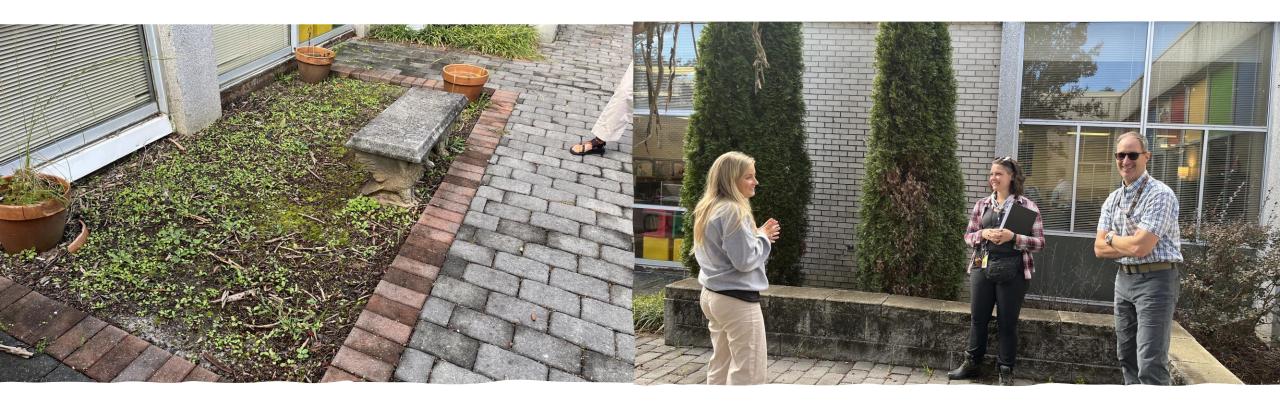
# Micro-Grants Awards:

- Fairview Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- High Point Friends School
- TW Andrews High School
- Sylvia Mendez Newcomers School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Union Hill Elementary





High Point Friends School



Shadybrook Elementary

# The Arc of High Point Open House

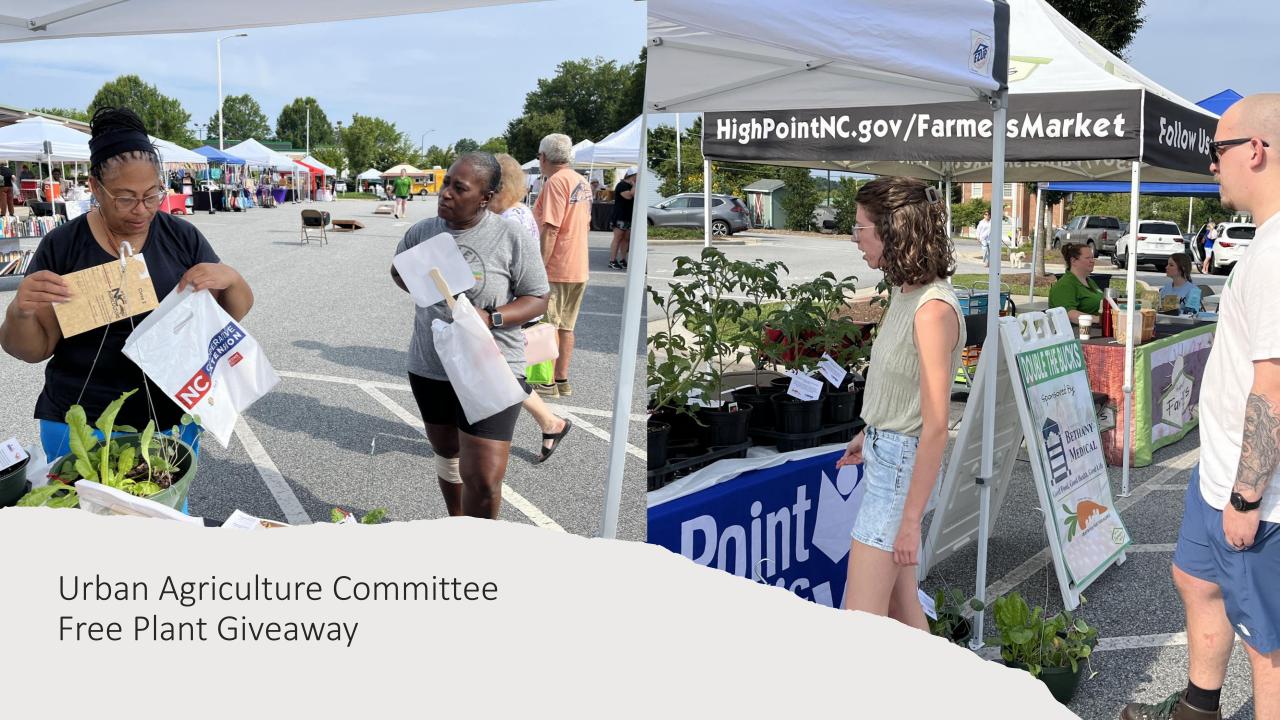








Highland Mills Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting





Integrated Pest Management Workshop

Urban Ag Committee Presents High Point Community Garden Contest Winners

- Best Overall Community Garden: Bountiful Harvest (Kevin Warden)
- Best Use of Output Materials:
   The Arc of High Point (Wendy Brosnan)
- Best Sustainable Community Garden: Southside Community Garden (Johnny Horne)
- Best New Community Garden:
   Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden
   (Jocelyn Anderson)





# Upcoming Events 2024

- Seeds to Share February 10
- Spring Gardening March 16
- Summer Gardening May 18
- Fall Gardening August 17
- Free Plant Giveaway TBA

# Seeds to Share

Free Seeds for Community & School Gardens in Guilford County

veggies / flowers / herbs / heirlooms

# **GREENSBORO**

9AM - 12PM

N.C. Cooperative Extension 3309 Burlington Rd Greensboro, NC



9AM - 12PM
High Point Public Library
901 N Main Street
High Point, NC

Seeds have been generously donated by garden centers and seed companies. Garden experts will be available to answer questions. Contact Crystal Mercer at crystal\_mercer@ncsu.edu









