

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** Community Gardens Update

**From:** Michael E. McNair, Director, Community Development & Housing

**Meeting Date:** June 7, 2022

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date:** N/A

**Advertised By:** N/A

**Attachments:** None

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### PURPOSE

An update on the Community Gardens in High Point will be provided. In addition, there is a request to add schools to the program based on requests. Though schools are considered non-profits, they are not eligible to receive garden materials because they are not recognized in the program guidelines as providing community gardens. We have not assisted schools with mulch/soil, etc.; however, schools are asking for assistance.

### BACKGROUND

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will report on the Community and School Gardens in the High Point Community from January 1 – April 30, 2022. Crystal started this position on January 1, 2022. Her role is to assist individuals, communities, agencies and schools with establishing and sustaining community/school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

### BUDGET IMPACT

There is no impact to the budget. There are sufficient funds in the FY2021-22 budget to cover costs related to the Community Gardens Program.

### RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

Community Development & Housing staff is recommending that the City of High Point approve the inclusion of public schools as part of the Community Gardens Program, and provide wood mulch, topsoil, compost, and leaf mulch to High Point public school gardens.