

# Plans for a Community Garden in Royal Oak!

It has been too long for a community garden to be absent from our city, and now we finally have some strong hope in seeing one! In this news article we will fill you in on everything you need to know about what this is and opportunities for becoming a part of it.

## Who is organizing this?

A group of amazing people is turning the gears behind this project. I originally found out about the community garden through one of these people, Kathy. She is very excited about every new person that joins, and is thrilled that a minor like me decided to be a part of it!

There are about twenty people who are actively involved in the project, and they are always looking for more.

## A Young One Speaks

Last month there was a city hall meeting that this group attended to explain why this was a worthy project of the city's time. As a lovely surprise, a young person (*me!*) came up to the pedestal and spoke in support for the community garden. To sum up the speech, the conclusion states: "If we could create community gardens in our city, we would not only catch up to other cities around us, but also achieve other environmentally and socially-positive actions that would make Royal Oak a better place." With this powerful support along with other influence, the city concluded that this is a wonderful project that they will support.

## The Benefits

A community garden has so many benefits. Here are just a few.

### Decreasing Carbon Emissions

Global warming is a very prominent, concerning issue in our lives right now. By growing food locally in a community garden, the middleman is taken out of the food production system. This means there is almost zero transport required to get the produce from farm to table, significantly reducing emissions because of it.

### Reducing flooding

Flooding is another recent issue, taking place primarily in large cities. The massive amount of cement leaves water with few areas to drain. However, a community garden provides more space for water to drain (and do so with a **purpose!**)

### Creating a Greener/More Sustainable Ecosystem in Royal Oak

More plant life adds to the sustainability and nature in Royal Oak. The fresh food it provides for us is not only healthy but builds a stronger economy and ecosystem where we live.

## How can I get involved and/or support this?

There are many ways to become involved, no matter how little it may be!

## Facebook and email updates

By going to the Royal Oak Community garden Facebook page, you can find tons more information about them and more about how to help. Just by liking/following the page, you are making a difference. From there you can also find the sign up to their email list. It supports them if you submit your email there and get the important updates that come with it, as well.

## **City hall meetings**

As stated in the section, *a young one speaks*, the community garden group may be a part of some City hall meetings. You can show support by going to those meetings as a community garden group member- we are greater in numbers after all.

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