

Dig In! Community Garden Training Program

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Course Description & Purpose

The Dig In! Community Gardener Training Program is a 9-week course, designed to provide an understanding of community gardens and what it takes to create and maintain a successful garden-based community project. This class also provides the space to create, plan, or draw something that will help you start or sustain a garden. Lastly, this class provides training in gardening basics to that you can see your garden thrive.

Classes will meet Tuesday or Thursday evenings, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm from April 20 or 22 through June 15 or 17. The class may involve some off-site garden visits; you will be told in advance.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand principles of community gardens
2. Create/plan/draw something that will help you start or sustain a garden.
3. Understand garden basics

Class Structure

Classes will be held virtually through Zoom. Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will offer the class online, in accordance with university policy. The training consists of 9 two-hour sessions, offered virtually on Zoom. To participate you will need to have a device (computer, iPad, smart phone) and internet access with video and audio capabilities. If you have concerns about your ability to participate in a virtual class, please contact Maggie Rivera at Rivera.482@osu.edu or 330-599-7710 as soon as you can.

Each class will begin promptly at 6pm. Because the class is on zoom, we are limiting the class to 2hrs and class will have no break lasting until to 8 pm.

Presentations from class will be made available to the class, only if the presenter is willing to share. If they are willing to share, they will be available for download from our county website. Participants can then choose to save or print.

Attendance Policy

Complete the Dig In! Training Program

A certificate of completion will be issued to those who successfully complete the training program. This certificate is your proof of completion that you can present for potential program applications, funding opportunities or continued education opportunities. Each participant is expected to attend, and participate in, every class session. To successfully complete the training program, you may only miss one class.

This means you must attend each online live class, only missing one. We will take attendance and measure participation throughout each virtual class. A lack of participation will be considered an absence. We may be able to provide video recordings to catch you up on the content of class, however this will not count towards your attendance.

Complete the Summer Sprout Requirement

New Summer Sprout garden leaders are required to attend 5 specific classes to fulfill the City of Cleveland's training requirement. These are the classes with the asterisks on the schedule. These classes include Let's Dig In!, Soil Basics for Garden Success, Asset Mapping & Grant Seeking, Growing Goodwill, Garden Design & Planning Lab. Please note the dates of these classes.

Payment

First payment was due April 6th and payment plans are available to anyone who may need it. You will not be admitted into the 4th class if full payment has not been received.

Manual and materials

Start a Community Food Garden, The Essential Handbook will be our main textbook for this course. Other packets and handouts will come with some classes.

Project and Garden Lab

I want everyone in the class to create, plan, or draw something that will help you start or sustain a garden. This could be a garden design/map, mission/vision statement, garden rules, neighborhood outreach/recruitment plan, or a community event to build on any of these.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations if needed. If you believe you need accommodations, please contact the ANR educator, Maggie Rivera by phone, email or in person at class time as soon as possible. Accommodations cannot be granted retroactively.