The Tijuana River Valley Community Garden





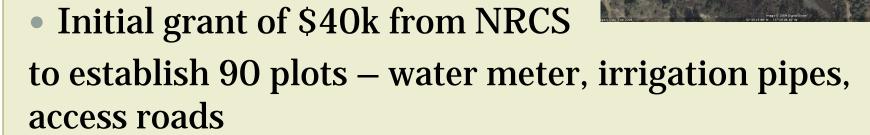
RCD of Greater San Diego County

- Area served
- Our programs
 - School garden support
 - Watershed education
 - Scholarships
 - Milkweed for Monarchs
 - Wildfire prevention & community education
 - Community garden
- Other community gardens in SD



Getting started

- History of the land & location
- Planning began in 1999; 10 year lease established in 2001, renewed in 2011



- 2002 open to the public
- 2005 –\$5,000 grant to expand

About the garden

- 136 plots, 30' x 30', 25 acre parcel
- Water included every two plots share a water spigot
- Quiet, natural space
- Diversity





Garden management

- Annual contract and rent
- Monthly inspections
- Services at garden
- Volunteer requirement
- Community clean-up days
- Waiting list
- Newsletter
- Advisory committee
- Help organize events



Local partners

- Parks Department
- NRCS
- Our farming neighbors
- Community partners
 - I Love a Clean San Diego
 - Master Gardeners
 - Urban Corps
 - San Diego Community Garden Network



Clean-up days – Spring and Fall





Social events





 Workshops – in collaboration with Master Gardeners, NRCS, and other community partners





Volunteering opportunities





Gardener input

- Volunteer requirement
- Clean-up days
- General upkeep
- Compost areas
- Organize social events, like pot lucks
- Welcome new gardeners
- Helping with volunteer days
- Day-to-day efforts of them helping each other



Funding

- Annual plot rent
- Seek grants to improve the site, increase staff time at garden, and hold activities



Hosted By:









Schedule of Events:

8:30 – 10:00, Soil testing demonstrations at the Community

Garden (bring soil samples, no cost)

10:00 – 11:00, Static Compost Pile workshop at the Community Garden (open to all, no cost)

10:00 - 2:00, Suzie's Farm Stand and U-Pick strawberries (\$)

10:00 - 12:30, Farm Tour at Suzie's Farm (\$)

10:00 – 11:30, Kids Activities at Wild Willow and Equinox

Procession to park for Picnic in the Park

11:00 - 4:00, Open Volunteering at Wild Willow

11:30 - 12:30, Picnic in the Park (ball fields on Sunset)

12:30 - 2:00, Farm Tour at Suzie's Farm (\$)

1:00 - 4:00 No-Till Farming Class at Wild Willow (\$)

4:00 - 7:00, Wild Willow Farm Stand (\$)

5:00, Wild Will Farm and Nature tours

6:00, Potluck, pizza, and music by *The Big Decisions* at Wild

Willow (please bring a dish to share)

7:00, Symphony of the Soil Movie Screening at Wild Willow

Challenges

- Dumping / trash
- Theft
- Increasing participation
- Funding!
- Water





Goals for the future

- More community outreach
- More workshops
- Be there more often
- Expand
- Habitat restoration projects
- Improve irrigation system
- More gardener involvement and leadership



Thank you!



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