



GROWING IN THE HEARTLAND

A Community Garden

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Developing a Community Garden Successfully



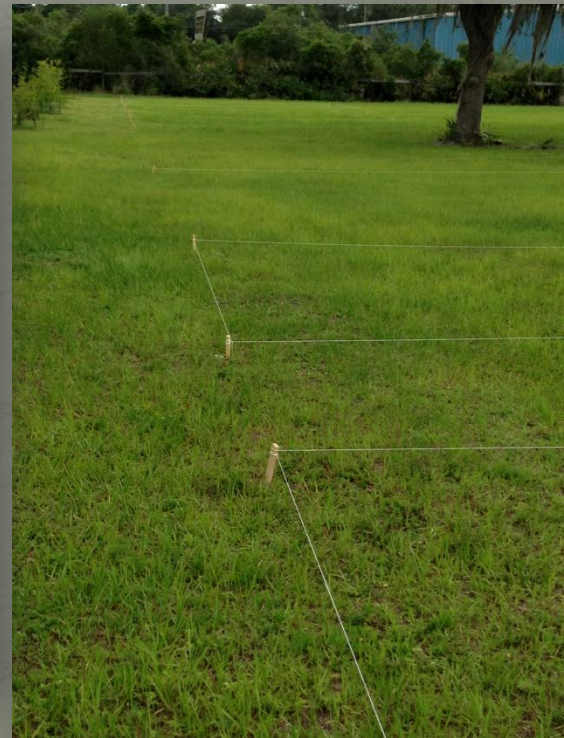
- Locate suitable property, free of critical/protected habitat
- County or privately owned
- Develop an agreement to use the property; free of charge





- Determine water source
- Cost for water
- Soil testing

- Measure and design garden plots and common areas
- Create a to-scale drawing of layout
- Mark out actual plots, measuring them to all be the same size





- Seek and apply for grants available for community garden projects
- Develop partnerships with government entities to provide use of equipment and labor
- Acquire donations

Prepare the plots

- Removal of grass/weeds
- Tilling of soil
- Installation needs at each plot







- Develop gardening rules, guidelines, liability release
- Acquire gardeners
- Partnerships with same interest groups



- Amenities
 - Tools
 - Storage Shed
 - Compost
 - Picnic Area
 - Wash Stand



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