

## REASONS TO GARDEN

**You can make new friends** – Diverse gardeners come together, information is shared, relationships develop, and people feel connected to the larger community of gardeners.

It can improve the way neighborhoods look – When vacant lots are replaced with gardens of fruits, flowers and vegetables, the area looks improved, maintained, and occupied.

**It's good for your health** –Constant supplies of fresh produce are great for your diet. Gardening is also great exercise and working outside in the fresh air can be a great stress reliever.

**It increases biodiversity** – People planting heirloom vegetables and fruits and experimenting with non-indigenous plants help to increase biodiversity.

**It teaches about water conservation** – Many Greeley community gardens use drip irrigation, which is a highly efficient watering system that UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27th "Food Chains" Movie Screening Lindou Theatre (in basement of Michener Library, UNC) 2015 GUIDE TO COMMUNITY GARDENS IN GREELEY

significantly reduces runoff and evaporation.

You get to see birds and other wildlife -

Bird sightings to date include robins, meadowlarks, doves, kingbirds, black birds, and occasionally owls. You see rabbits and groundhogs, too!

**It produces food locally** –Knowing that what you serve your family was not produced with chemicals and did not travel cross-country or around the world to get to your table is a good thing!

**You can supplement your income** —With climbing gas and food prices, who doesn't need a few extra bucks every now and then? Growing your own produce can slash grocery bills.

**It helps build community** – Religious groups, schools, non-profits, and similar community groups are always looking for projects--community gardening is a great way to get involved!

7pm

May 20th GMO Panel Discussion Ubuntu Community Garden 2410 35th Avenue, Greeley 6pm

August 13th Garden Art Workshop location TBA 6pm

August 30th Greeley Community Garden Tour 3-6pm

Visit maketodaycount.org for more information on events and workshops.



#### Reservoir Road, North of Nottingham Field Established, 2007

This is the second oldest community garden in Greeley. Many of the gardeners are students, professors and other faculty from the university, but most gardeners are neighborhood folks from within the University District. Most gardeners have a drip irrigation system in place.

Overall size: 12,000 sq. ft. *Plot size: 15'x 15' Type: slightly raised beds Open to the Public: yes* Organic: yes Water System: individual water connection, gardeners can hook up their own drip systems. Cost: \$25 per plot *On-site Composting: yes* 

#### Contact

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## PLUMB FARM

10th Street & 39th Avenue Established, 2008

This garden has nine plots and is irrigated by ditch water, just like in historic Union Colony days. The farm and garden were given to the city's museum as a memorial to the foresight and determination of the C.O. Plumb family, and is recognized as one of Colorado's Centennial Farms. Most gardeners have a drip irrigation system in place.

Overall size: 3,200 sq. ft. *Plot size: 15'x 20'* Type: rows *Open to the Public: yes* Organic: yes Water System: individual water connection, gardeners can hook up their own drip systems. Cost: \$25 per plot On-site Composting: yes, each gardener has their own

Earth Machine™ compost bin and is responsible for their own garden waste and compost.

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### CLAY CENTER 1024 6th Avenue

Established, 2010

Tim Preston, the owner of the Clay Center, provides the fenced land and access to water for this garden. Home of an eclectic mix of Greeley residents, clients of Schaefer Enterprises, Envision, and young families, the gardens at the Clay Center have raised 250 pounds of produce. The garden has small raised beds, big harvests, and is located in the beautiful Sunrise neighborhood.

Overall size: 1,000 sq. ft. Plot size: 4'x 8' *Type: deep raised beds* Open to the Public: yes *Organic: yes* Water System: communal spigots, dragging hoses *Cost:* \$25 per plot

# HOUSTON GARDENS

515 23rd Avenue Established, 1970s

Situated on the land of one of Greeley's early settlers, Houston Gardens include a nature center, community garden, and areas for outdoor events. It is now managed by the West Greeley Conservation District.

Overall size: 12,000 sq. ft. Plot size: 10'x 66' Type: rows *Open to the Public: yes* Organic: Discourage the use of chemicals but cannot be organic because of the ditch water used. Water System: A large pipe that connects to the ditch water with gates that open and close on each person's plot. Cost: \$20 per half plot, \$35 for a full plot On-site Composting: not provided, composting is up to the individual gardener.

Contact

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# 1110 M. Street

Established, 2013

Weld Food Bank (WFB) is partnering with Alternative Homes for Youth (AHFY) to provide horticultural therapy, farm-totable culinary training, and other support for its residents. The garden will offer an array of workshops, field days, and other educational opportunities for other locals. Volunteer opportunities are available. The garden provides fresh produce for AHFY and WFB clients.

*Type: combination* 

Open to the Public: no, plots are not open to the public but volunteer opportunities are. Organic: yes

Water System: TBD *On-site Composting: yes* 

Contact Emily Griffith 970-353-6010 x 207 emily.griffith@ahfy.org www.weldfoodbank.org



PEAPOD PATCH **Fellowship Church** 2376 47th Avenue Established, 2008

The Peapod Patch is an organic garden for those who want a peaceful place to plant their favorite herbs, flowers and veggies. It is located at the Fellowship Church in Greeley.

Overall Size: 1,200 sq. ft. Plot Size: 6'x 10' Type: rows *Open to the Public: yes* Organic: yes Water System: yes Cost: \$15 per plot On-site Composting: yes



### WEST GREELE' 3251 West 22nd Street Established, 2010

This garden is situated in a beautiful setting next to Sanborn Park. Its plots are separated by 3-4' paths. Most gardeners raise vegetables or a mix of vegetables and flowers. Fences or other structures may be added to the gardeners' plot but must be removed at the end of the growing season. The whole garden is tilled each spring by the garden coordinator and is usually ready to plant by March 1.

Overall size: 7,570 sq. ft. Plot size: 20'x 25' Type: rows Open to the Public: yes Organic: yes Water System: yes *Cost: \$25 per plot* On-site Composting: no

Contact Susan Trostle, 970-330-0786 garden.coordinator@yahoo.com www.westgreeleybaptist.com

# UBUNTU COMMUNITY GARDENS & ORCHAR

Family of Christ Presbyterian Church 2410 35th Avenue Established, 2013

This garden has thirty 5'X15' plots (standard size is two per gardener, minimum is one plot), assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Non-GMO and organic seeds and water are provided. There is no fee, but participation in the garden community is encouraged. Join us to grow good food, make new friends, and learn new skills. We are also featuring a communal plot for herbs and veggies, programming for kids in partnership with the Children's Garden, weekly community nights, and a handicap accessible garden.

Overall Size: 4 Acres Plot Size: 10'x 15' Type: raised beds *Open to the Public: yes* Organic: yes Water System: drip, spigot system Cost: sponsorships available On-site Composting: yes

Contact Jennifer Soule-Hill, 970-330-0301 jenn@familyofchristgreeley.org Visit us on Facebook: Family of Christ/Ubuntu Gardens



On-site Composting: yes, communal composting in Earth Machine<sup>™</sup> bins and open air piles.

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# ACCESSIBLE GARDEN AT CONNEC-TIONS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

#### 1331 8th Ave Established, 2013

The community garden at Connections for Independent Living serves the disabled community of Northern Colorado. The garden provides a holistic approach to problems such as isolation, depression, low self-esteem, and extreme poverty. The garden creates a community of peer gardeners, engenders a sense of accountability and accomplishment, and provides opportunities for outdoor activity and exercise.

#### Contact

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## GARDEN 919 A Street

Established, 2014

The mission of The Children's Garden is to provide a place for children and community to connect with the earth, learn, participate, experience, and enjoy the fruits of their labor. All are welcome to come out and garden with us. The volunteers who work the land will participate in the harvest.

#### Overall size: 2400 square feet Type: rows *Open to public: yes* Organic: yes

Water system: drip Cost: no fee

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To sign up for a community garden: 970-336-4167/deborah.deboutez@greeleygov.com