

# Stockton Springs Community Garden

Located in Recreation Park, at the intersection of Route 1 and Harris Road.

## Mission Statement

Stockton Springs Community Garden is dedicated to:

- Providing space for residents to grow vegetables, fruit, and flowers for their own consumption
- Growing and harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables for the local community
- Sharing a love of growing and eating healthy, local food across generations
- Educating those interested in learning new and long-established techniques for gardening
- Mentoring a new generation of gardeners
- Encouraging a sense of community



## 2 categories of garden beds

We have over 500 square feet of growing space. There are eleven 4ft by 8ft raised beds of varying heights and one handicap accessible raised bed. There are also several ground level mounded beds. They are divided into 2 categories:

- **Individual:** Beds for individuals to use.
- **Community:** Beds open to anyone to harvest from. Residents are encouraged to come anytime to the garden and see what might be available. Food ready to eat will be harvested routinely from these beds by volunteers and made available to the general community.

Each bed used by an Individual has a sign on it. All other beds are for the community, including all ground level mounded beds.



## Beds available for individuals

Any Stockton Springs resident or taxpayer can participate in the community garden. Applications will be accepted at the town hall each spring for the use of a raised bed. Individuals requiring a handicap accessible raised-bed garden plot should indicate this on their application. If there are more applicants than available beds, a random drawing will be used to determine who is assigned a bed and a waiting list will be established. A minimal fee will be charged for the season. It is expected that individuals participating will volunteer 2-4 hours per month towards the overall garden upkeep.

## Volunteers tend the Community beds

We gather at least once per week to plant, tend and harvest the garden. We welcome anyone to join us! Our gathering times and a contact name will be posted at the garden, near the entrance gate. There is also a Stockton Springs Community Garden Facebook page that we strive to keep updated. Please reach out to us for additional information.



## Our Guidelines

- ❖ The Stockton Springs Community Gardens are ORGANIC. Synthetic fertilizers and pesticides are prohibited. The use of organic commercial products to control weeds or pests is limited to those that do not harm bees and other beneficial insects.
- ❖ Individuals renting a garden plot are asked to grow only annual plants or perennial herbs which are for their family's consumption (not to be commercially sold). Gardeners are free to plant seeds, seedlings, or plants, as they choose. We ask that no invasive plants be introduced.
- ❖ Individuals renting a garden plot are asked to volunteer 2-4 hours per month to help maintain the garden area. This can be during a scheduled workday or at your own convenience. If you don't know what to do, ask any of the committee members.
- ❖ Some communal tools are available for you to use in the garden. Please return the tools you use to their storage location.
- ❖ We ask that people harvest responsibly from the public garden areas where the produce is shared with everyone. Take enough for a meal and leave some for your neighbor.
- ❖ Dogs are not allowed inside the community garden fenced area.



## History

The Stockton Springs community garden was created in 2025 through the generosity of many residents and a Community Action grant from the State of Maine Community Resilience Partnership program. We are grateful to all who have supported us.