

## Our Progress

We started with a field between the Lewes Dog Park and University of Delaware wind turbine in the Great Marsh Park. We leased just under one acre of land from the city. After many mows we were able to plow two areas for our starter garden.



May 22, 2019



July 7, 2019



Perrin Smith Co-Chair



Michael Whitehouse Co-Chair



Ground breaking May 29, 2019

Special ground breaking thanks to Sumner Crosby, Steve Denver and Patrick Gaffney

## Work Days



July 5, 2019

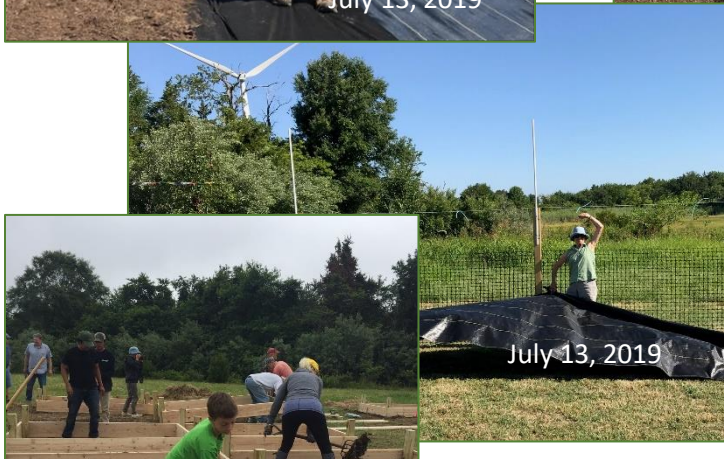
We've had several work days to build beds, lay landscape cloth, spread mulch and put up a temporary fence. Getting water was a challenge. We are grateful to the city of Lewes and Lewes in Bloom for helping to fill our interim rain barrels. Special thanks to Harry Caswell Plumbing and Larry Anderson of AccuTrench for helping us secure a permanent water spigot. Our Integrated Pest Management plan makes the garden inhospitable to ticks.



July 13, 2019



July 13, 2019



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July 13, 2019



June 8, 2019



July 13, 2019



June 8, 2019



July 13, 2019



July 30, 2019

Lewes Mayor Ted Becker stopped by for one build day (second from right)



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### OUR MISSION:

- CREATE A SUSTAINABLE, ORGANIC GARDEN IN THE LEWES AREA
- SHARE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND FRIENDSHIP
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES
- RECRUIT AND SUPPORT LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO WISH TO GARDEN
- TEACH ORGANIC GARDENING SKILLS
- SUPPLY FRESH PRODUCE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AND SOUP KITCHENS
- PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS TO IMPROVE NUTRITION IN SUSSEX CO.
- BUILD A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AS WELL AS A GARDEN

*thanks*

TO ALL OUR  
WONDERFUL  
VOLUNTEERS!

### Summer 2019 Stats

- Twenty 4x8 garden beds
- 11 beds are rented at \$75.00
- Including one master gardener
- 2 beds community sponsored families
- 6 beds volunteers for community donation
- 1 bed Great Lewes Community Village
- 14 active volunteers as of 7/15/19

### Reasons Given For Participating:

- Just moved here, want to meet people
- Don't have space to garden at home
- Like to garden
- Want to support the concept
- Want to volunteer/give back
- Want to learn to garden organically



Thanks to Gary Stokes and his son-in-law for building and installing a purple martin house!



Donations Welcome  
Make checks payable to:  
*Lewes Community Gardeners Fund*

Mail to:  
Greater Lewes Foundation  
PO Box 110  
Lewes, Delaware 19958

## Watering Tips from a Master Gardener & Community Gardener

Sussex County Master Gardeners Helpline 302.856.2585 Ext. 535

The Rule of Thumb is that plants require 1” of water per week for normal growth. Water vegetables deeply by soaking soil to a depth of 5 to 6 inches. Test watering need by digging down near plant. Water all at one time, thoroughly soaking the soil. Light sprinklings result in shallow root growth making crops more susceptible to drought stress. Add water slowly to prevent runoff.

It is best to water vegetable crops in the morning. Plants need moisture during the day while they are photosynthesizing. If evening is the only possible time to water, avoid splashing water on the foliage. Dry leaves at night help prevent fungal disease. Different vegetables require water at specific times during their development for best quality. For example, root crops need a constant supply of water during root development. Fruit crops, like tomatoes and peppers, should not be allowed to wilt between flowering and fruit production.



Our first community produce went to a Greater Lewes Community Village client and the Community Resource Center. Perrin Smith, Gary Stokes, Michael Whitehouse and Kathryn Marsh with produce to donate.

### Our Thanks to:

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