

On Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at or before 10:00 a.m., agenda was posted at the front doors of City Hall, on the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall, and on the City of Bethany website: cityofbethany.org.

MINUTES

BETHANY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025
12:00 P.M.**

**BETHANY CITY HALL
6700 NW 36TH ST, BETHANY OK**

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Dustin Stearman | Chairman |
| | Lisa Looper | Vice-Chair |
| | Brian Rooney | Secretary |
| | Joshua Young | Trustee |
| MEMBERS ABSENT: | Ron Titus | Trustee |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Nikki Lloyd | Mayor |
| | Elizabeth Gray | City Manager |
| | Linda Warner | Executive Assistant |
| | Greg Banta | Consultant |
| | (see roster) | |

Chairman Stearman called the Bethany Economic Development Authority meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

ITEM NO. 1 on the agenda was **CONSENT DOCKET:**

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Looper, seconded by Rooney to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2024, regular meeting as presented. YES votes: Stearman, Looper, Young, and Rooney. NO votes: none. ABSTAIN: none. Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 2 on the agenda was **PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF BETHANY BEING A PASS-THROUGH FOR A GRANT FOR A ROUTE 66 OKLAHOMA LATINO MUSEUM.**

Presentation speakers included Marc Long and Dakota Desai with SRB, Andrew Stone, Ocras Projects, and Stephanie Pena. See attached Exhibit A.

Motion was made by Rooney, seconded by Young to support the City of

Bethany being a pass-through for a grant for a Route 66 Oklahoma Latino Museum. YES votes: Stearman, Looper, Young, and Rooney. NO votes: none. ABSTAIN: none. Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 3 on the agenda was **PRESENTATION BY THE BETHANY COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION.**

Presentation speakers included Stephen and Sabrina Kumor, and Acacia Bunch. See attached Exhibit B.

Item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

ITEM NO. 4 on the agenda was **REPORT FROM GREG BANTA, COMMUNITY CONSULTANTS.**

Mr. Banta provided an update on commercial properties.

ITEM NO. 5 on the agenda was **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.**

Ms. Gray provided an update on TFCU site, Rt. 66 monument signs, Rt. 66 wayfinding signs, and projects.

ITEM NO. 6 on the agenda was **MAYOR'S REPORT.**

ITEM NO. 7 on the agenda was **ROUNDTABLE AND DISCUSSION.**

Trustee Rooney gave an update on the main street Hometown Christmas event.

ITEM NO. 8 on the agenda was **NEW BUSINESS.** *(As defined by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act § 311 (A) (9) as "matters not known about or which could not have reasonably been foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda").*

ITEM NO. 9 on the agenda was **ADJOURN.**

Chairman Stearman adjourned the Bethany Economic Development Authority meeting at 1:23 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK



RT 66 Latino Museum
City of Bethany
1.9.25



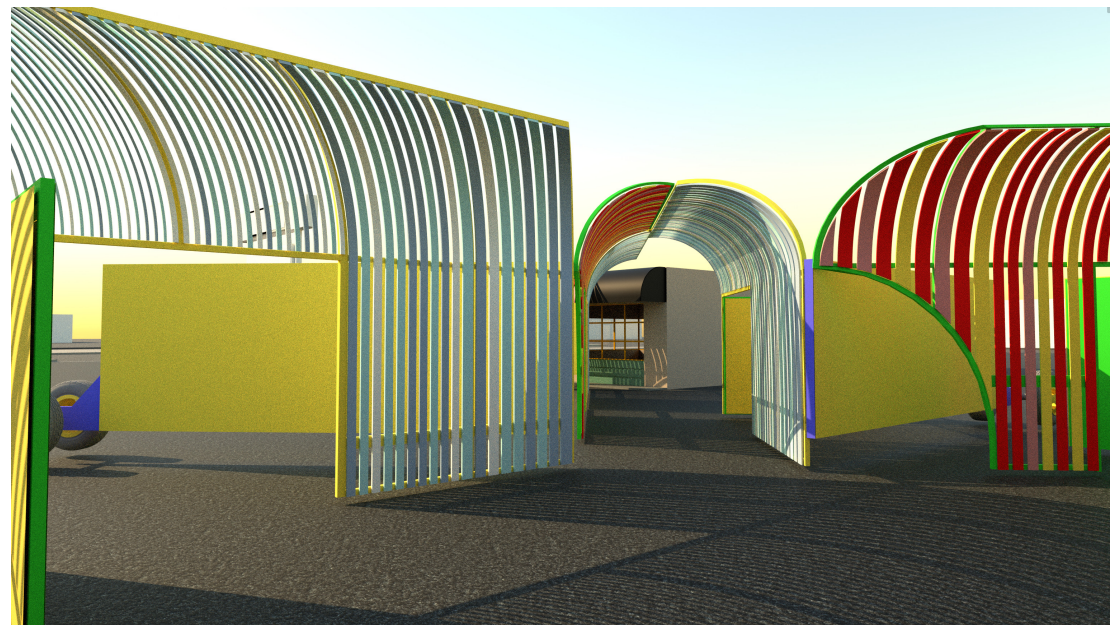
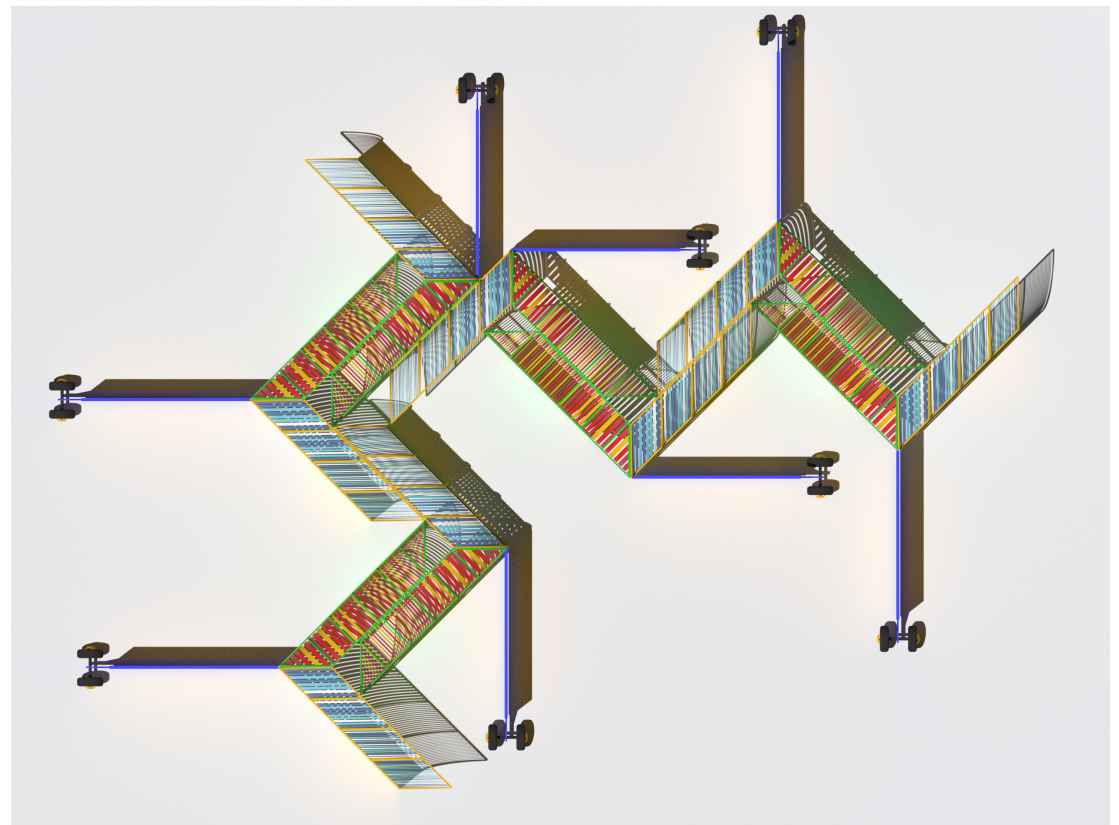
Mother Road Gardens | Clinton, OK



Hydro Bridge Monument | Hydro, OK



Midtown Plaza | Clinton, OK



Legends Auto Sales | Bethany, OK

Proposal for the Barefoot Garden Hippie Community Garden

To: Bethany Economic Development Authority (BEDA)

From: Barefoot Garden Hippie

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Cultivating Community and Sustainability: A Proposal for the Barefoot Garden Hippie Community Garden

Introduction

Barefoot Garden Hippie is excited to propose the development of a vibrant community garden at 4000 N Shannon Ave in Bethany, Oklahoma. Our vision is to create a space where residents can connect with nature, learn about sustainable gardening practices, and cultivate a stronger sense of community. This garden will not only beautify our neighborhood but also serve as an inspiring example of how residents can transform their own yards into productive and sustainable food sources.

Project Overview

The Barefoot Garden Hippie Community Garden will be a dynamic hub with a focus on education, community engagement, and environmental stewardship. Key features include:

- Individual Garden Plots: Residents can lease plots to grow their own fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers.
- Demonstration Gardens: Showcase various sustainable gardening techniques, including raised beds, vertical gardening, water conservation methods, and companion planting.
- Educational Workshops: Hands-on learning opportunities for community members of all ages, covering topics such as organic gardening, composting, seed saving, pest control, and soil health.
- Community Events: Gatherings, workshops, and celebrations to foster a sense of community and shared learning.
- Food Donation: A portion of the garden's harvest will be donated to local food banks to address food insecurity in our community.
- Community Wellness and Well-being: A dedicated space for small classes (less than 8 people) focused on well-being practices like yoga, tai chi, qigong, and meditation, led by trained professionals.

Sustainability at its Core

This garden will be a model of sustainability, demonstrating how residents can create beautiful and productive gardens in their own yards while minimizing their environmental impact. We will emphasize:

- Organic Practices: Avoidance of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, promoting healthy soil and ecosystems.
- Water Conservation: Utilizing efficient irrigation techniques, rainwater harvesting, and drought-tolerant plants.
- Composting: Reducing waste and enriching the soil by composting garden and household organic materials.
- Biodiversity: Planting a variety of species to attract pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife.

Empowering Residents to Grow Their Own Food

Beyond the community garden itself, we aim to inspire and empower Bethany residents to create their own sustainable gardens at home. We will offer:

- Educational Resources: Workshops, online guides, and demonstrations on how to start and maintain a backyard garden.
- Seed and Plant Swaps: Opportunities for residents to exchange seeds, plants, and gardening knowledge.
- Mentorship Program: Connecting experienced gardeners with those who are new to gardening.

Community Partnerships

We are actively building partnerships with local businesses and organizations to support the garden's development and sustainability. We are in conversations with:

- Westlake Ace Hardware: For potential sponsorship of tools, equipment, and gardening supplies.
- The Produce Gal: To collaborate on workshops, events, and potentially source produce from the garden for their farmers market.
- Minick Materials: For potential donation of soil, compost, and other landscaping materials.
- Eco-X Pest Management: For potential sponsorship of organic pest control solutions and expertise.

Benefits for Bethany

The Barefoot Garden Hippy Community Garden will provide numerous benefits for our town, including:

- Enhanced Quality of Life: Increased access to green space, fresh produce, educational opportunities, and wellness activities.
- Community Building: Creating a gathering place for residents to connect, learn, and work together.
- Economic Development: Supporting local businesses and potentially attracting new residents and businesses who value sustainability and community engagement.

- Environmental Stewardship: Promoting sustainable practices and raising awareness about environmental issues.
- Beautification: Transforming an unused space into a vibrant and attractive community asset.

Call to Action

We are requesting the Bethany Economic Development Authority's endorsement and support for the Barefoot Garden Hippie Community Garden. Your partnership will be invaluable in helping us secure funding, navigate any regulatory hurdles, and promote this project to the community.

We are confident that this garden will be a source of pride for Bethany and a shining example of how we can create a more sustainable and connected community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen and Sabrina Kumor

Barefoot Garden Hippie

Website: barefootgardenhippie.com/bcg

(405) 906-5464

Shannon Ave

Small Class Zone

current Bed

Compost Dirt Station

Barfoot Garden Backyard

Soil

Community Garden

4000 N Shannon Ave.

Large Class Area

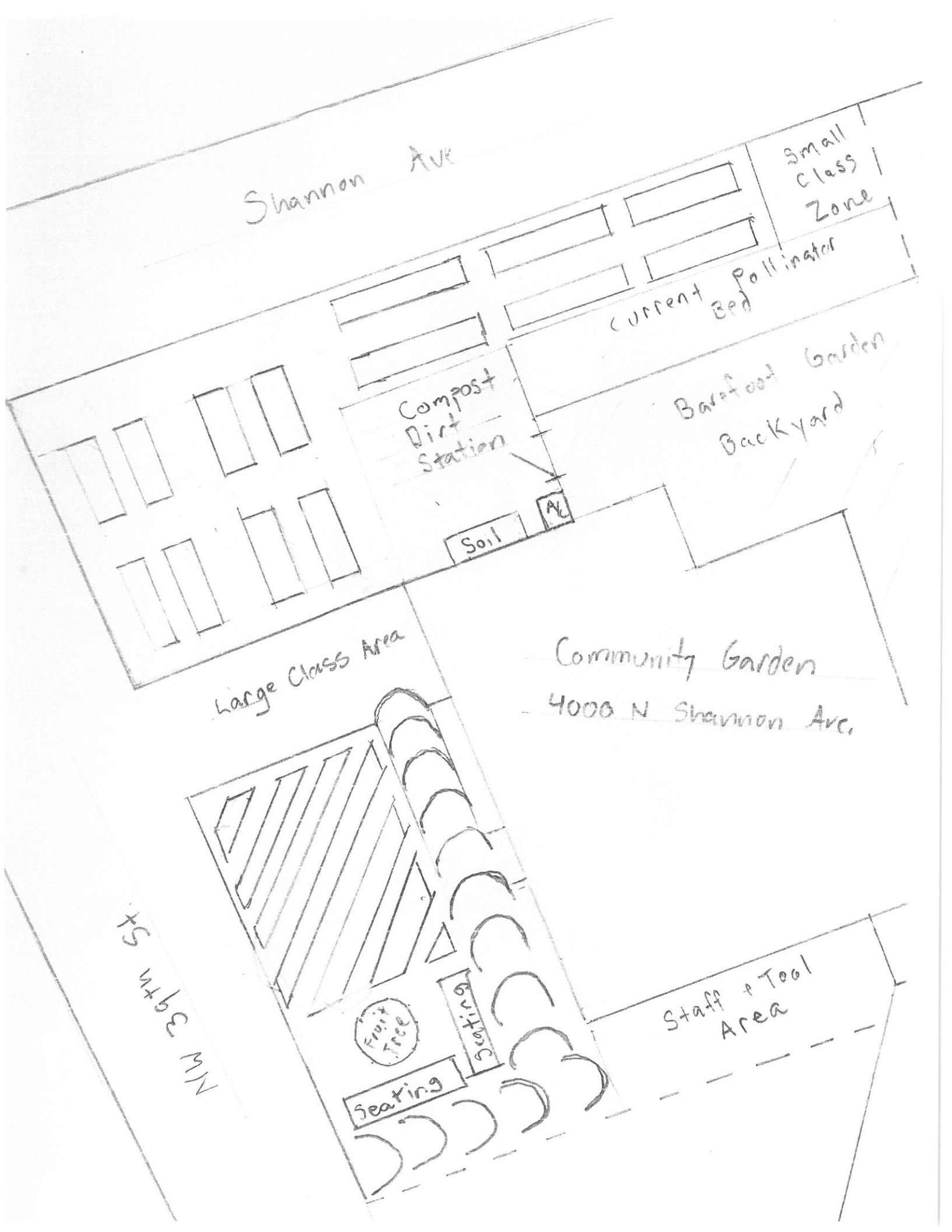
NW 39th St

Staff + Tool Area

Seating

Knives

Fruit Tree



Barefoot Garden Hippy Bethany Community Garden Costs/Budget

Startup Costs:

Land Preparation:

- * Grass Removal: \$500 - \$1,500
- * Tilling: \$200 - \$500

Infrastructure:

- * Permits/Inspections: \$50-\$300
- * Raised Beds (14): \$1,400 - \$2,800 (\$100-\$200 per bed for lumber, soil, and hardware)
- * Cattle Panel Trellis: \$400
- * Compost Bins/System: \$200 (DIY)
- * Garden fabric: \$600
- * Tool Shed/Storage: \$1200
- * Seating Areas: \$500 (DIY benches or repurposed materials)
- * Signage: \$300 (plant identification and personal signage for sponsors)
- * Garden/Barrier Fencing: \$1,500
- * Season Extending Equipment/Hardware: \$500 (row and box hoops and coverings)
- * Water Harvesting System: \$300
- * Paths and Accessibility Features: \$200 - \$500+ (gravel, pavers, ramps)
- * Composting Restroom System for Guests: \$1000

Soil and Amendments:

- * Soil for Raised Beds and Rows: \$500
- * Compost: \$150
- * Fertilizer (organic): \$150
- * Mulch: \$200

Tools and Equipment:

- * Shovels, rakes, hoes, hand trowels, pruners, etc.: \$300
- * Wheelbarrows and garden carts: \$200
- * Hoses, watering cans, and irrigation supplies: \$300

Plants and Seeds:

- * Vegetable seeds and starter plants: \$300
- * Herb seeds and starter plants: \$150
- * Flower seeds and starter plants: \$100
- * Trees and shrubs: \$400

Initial Pest Control Supplies (Organic):

- * Insecticidal soap: \$50
- * Neem oil: \$60
- * Diatomaceous earth: \$40
- * Beneficial nematodes: \$50

Administrative/Organizational:

- * Liability Insurance: \$500 (annually)
- * Website Development/Domain: \$400 (initial cost)
- * Printing Costs: \$175
- * First Aid Kit: \$50

Maintenance Costs (Annual):

- * Water: \$400+
- * Seeds and Plants: \$200

- * Fertilizer and Soil Amendments: \$150
- * Pest and Disease Control (organic): \$200
- * Tool Replacement and Repair: \$150
- * Compost and Mulch: \$150
- * Volunteer Coordination and Event Supplies: \$300
- * Website Hosting/Maintenance: \$200
- * Insurance Renewals: \$200 - \$500
- * Banking Fees: \$0 - \$100
- * Marketing and Outreach: \$200
- * Soil Testing: \$20 - \$50
- * Waste Removal: \$50 - \$150
- * Community Outreach (Flyers, posters, and online advertising): \$200
- * Contingency Fund: \$100 - \$300+