

## MORE BENEFITS THAT COMMUNITY GARDENS AND LOVING GARLAND GREEN PROVIDE YOU.

Community gardens have been shown to increase property values in the immediate vicinity where they are located. In Milwaukee, properties within 250 feet of gardens experienced an increase of \$24.77 with every foot and the average garden was estimated to add approximately \$9,000 a year to the city tax revenue.

Developing and maintaining garden space is less expensive than parkland area, in part because gardens require little land and 80% of their cost is labor.

Community gardens provide a place to retreat from the noise and commotion of urban environments and have been shown to attract small businesses looking to relocate.

Community gardens provide employment, education and entrepreneurship opportunities for a wide variety of people including students, recent immigrants and homeless people.

Gardening is considered to be a moderate to heavy intensity physical activity and has been linked to significant beneficial changes in cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and systolic blood pressure.

Gardens reduce soil erosion and runoff, which lessens flooding and saves the city money.

We offer many leadership and volunteer opportunities as well as opportunities for residents of Garland to make donations of various types to Loving Garland Green. Read more about these opportunities here.