

Addison Community Garden

Newsletter

June 2010

Things are Changing! Last month this is where we were:



This is where we are now:



Many hours of work by many different people have gone into creating our community garden. We are not there yet but we are making progress. Our goal to have our grand opening by September 1, 2010 will be reached! Over the past few weeks we

have resolved many questions about how our garden will look, what it will be built of and how it will be managed.

What we have accomplished:

1. Most of the trees that were on site and interfered with our garden have been removed by the Town of Addison.
2. The Town of Addison has nearly completed the installation of the underground watering system.
3. Each garden will have its own hose bib. They should all be installed by June 18.
4. A draft of our Plot agreements has been developed. It should be in final form and ready for approval at our next meeting on June 21.
5. Soil materials have been selected. We will be using composted growing medium with a near natural PH.
6. The beds will be built from cedar lumber and be 4'X20' and 16" and 30" high.
7. The ground beneath the garden soil will have a weed barrier to

- separate our garden soil from the existing soil.
8. Areas outside of the gardens will have weed block over the existing soil and then be covered by about 2" of crushed concrete and then topped off with 1+ inches of decomposed granite. WOW! This will look awesome.
 9. Twelve of the gardens will be 30" high to accommodate gardeners with health issues preventing them from frequent bending.
 10. We will have an onsite storage building to store equipment.
 11. The storage building will have a 10'X15' arbor to relax under when you need to take a break.
 12. We were lucky enough to find a young man working on his BSA Eagle project who has taken the task of building our compost bins. He is working to get approval for the project at this time.
 13. The community garden will be lined with metal edging.
 14. A budget has been developed for the entire project and is to be approved on June 23.
 15. A Committee has been formed to find ways to raise money.
 16. Another committee has been formed to work on the garden construction.

17. One other committee has been formed to work on administrative issues.

Another view on June 16, 2010



What is still needed? Like last month we, the citizens of Addison, have much to do. First, we need to RAISE MONEY! While the Addison Arbor foundation is fronting a large portion of the funds needed to pay for this project, we still need to find ways for our community garden to be self-sustaining. That means seeking donations, fund raising events and donated labor.

A huge task once the Town of Addison completes the site work is to build the gardens and all of the facilities that go with it. That means we need a lot of strong backs and willing hands. Our portion of the work to build the gardens should commence between the middle of July and the first of August. That only gives us four to six weeks to complete

all of the work and be finished by September 1, 2010. There will be over 100 cubic yards of crushed concrete and decomposed granite to move by hand. Hundreds of heavy framing boards to go to each garden and be assembled. Countless wheel barrels of soil to be moved to each garden and spread.

Having said all of this many of you might think there is nothing you can do because you do not have a strong back but all you need is willing hands and you would be able to contribute in many ways. We need people to work on tracking volunteer hours, clerical duties, seeking donations, building a web site, or perhaps just providing cool drinks and snacks to the hard workers who will be building the gardens. There is no shortage of work to be done and there is work for everyone who is willing to contribute.



As you can see there is much to be done. We need your help. We are all volunteers but I know you will find this to be a labor of love. So roll up your sleeves and prepare to go to work. You can begin by contacting us at 972-896-1261 or the contact form on the Addison Arbor website <http://www.addisonarbor.org/> Come join us! Our next meeting will be June 21, 2010, at 7PM at the Addison Athletic Club.

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