

Community Garden Page Copy

[Come Explore](#) Your Community Garden

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[\[REDACTED\]](#) holds the Community Garden year-round on the rear grounds of the [\[REDACTED\]](#) (The driveway is accessible via [\[REDACTED\]](#)). The site features a fenced, 10,000 ft² garden, a 30'x 90' greenhouse, a workshop, and a livestock area with goats and chickens.

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Garden plots are available to all residents. [If you are interested in getting involved with the Community Garden, please check out the garden plot menu \(link\) and submit your application \(link\).](#)

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Keep in mind that gardening fees are waived for clients of the Community Market (provide link) [\[REDACTED\]](#)

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[\[REDACTED\]](#) staff and local K-12 students maintain all garden areas at the Community Garden and plant crops for donation in any non-leased space. [We donate the harvest from this non-leased space to the Community Market in support of our mission.](#)

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In addition to regular gardening, [\[REDACTED\]](#) holds Garden Days, which are monthly workshops run by [\[REDACTED\]](#) staff or [\[REDACTED\]](#) partner organizations to teach adults and children fundamental gardening principles and methods. Garden Days will be announced on our blog (link) and on Facebook (link).

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All Community Garden events are open to the public, and we welcome the opportunity to host organizations with compatible missions. [We would love to see you out at the Community Garden soon!](#)

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Garden Menu

Lease-a-Plot

[This plot is all yours!](#) We'll till it, irrigate it and make sure the soil is good to go. [All you have to do is plant it.](#) We'll also let you know if we see any insect or nutrient issues you need to be aware of so you can keep your crops growing strong.

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Plan it. Plant it. Pick it.

[This plot is all yours!](#) You plant what you want to grow, and we'll do the rest (feeding, weeding and pest management). When it's time to harvest, we'll let you know, and you can come out to

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[pick your home-grown plants!](#) Also, you're free to visit your plants anytime, and we'd love to see your smiling face out at the Community Garden.

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Donate-a-Plot.

[This plot is a contribution to your community!](#) We'll plant, maintain, harvest, and donate the produce in your name to the Community Market of the Food Bank of East Alabama. [This is the perfect way to get involved if you wish to support our mission through donation.](#)

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You can also donate to help fund our student internship program with the [REDACTED] and provide important tools for our staff, volunteers, and community members to use as we maintain and grow our projects. [Click here for more details \(link\).](#)

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[Come join us for our Market Opening, Tuesday May 14, 2019!](#)

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[WHEN: Tuesdays from 3-6 PM, mid-May through August](#)

[WHERE: \[REDACTED\] Opelika](#)

[We'd like to wish you a warm welcome to Opelika's only direct-to-consumer farmers market!](#)

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Each week, you will find the freshest produce, jellies, honey, and baked goods, as well as plants, cut flowers, and artisanal goods. Our vendors sell only products that they produce themselves, and the majority of our food vendors accept SNAP benefits.

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Come meet your local farmers and neighbors!

[REDACTED] has worked with farmers, value-added producers, and artisans to encourage and promote local commerce since we began hosting the Farmers Market in 2016. In return, vendors increase food accessibility to local residents through sales and participation in our growing program.

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Interested in being a vendor?

Please review the attached vendor guidelines and submit a vendor application to our farmers market manager, [REDACTED]

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[Farmers Market Vendor Guidelines](#)

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School Garden Programs

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[REDACTED] continues to support school garden programs in the area. Currently, we focus our resources on working with students at the [REDACTED] (an alternative school for Opelika City Schools). We hold a food systems class every school day, either on campus or at our community garden. We give students the opportunity to gain practical skills while learning about vegetable production, food insecurity and the importance of community involvement.

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Student Intern Program

Through our student intern program, [REDACTED] employs 5-10 students (aged 14-18) from the [REDACTED] at \$10/hr. Interns receive career-ready training in vegetable production, warehouse management and food preparation by assisting [REDACTED] staff. Our student interns work with projects such as (need more info), and are a key part of our program's success.

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All training for student interns reflects Alabama College and Career Ready Standards, and our student intern program is funded by grants received through Auburn University's Office of the Vice-President for Outreach.

Lee County Juvenile Justice Community Service Program

[REDACTED] welcomes individuals who are referred by the Lee County Department of Juvenile Probation (LCDJP) to complete their community service requirement.

You can complete your community service hours at our community garden [REDACTED] on Saturdays from 8-12 and by appointment. For more information, please call the numbers listed for [REDACTED] at the bottom of this page.

Referred individuals work with garden and animal area maintenance, and/or assist vendors and customers at the farmers market. Individuals who show the potential to effectively complete the

assigned work ~~and are recommended by the LCDJP~~ can be offered part-time employment with ~~█~~
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