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Community Spotlight:

THE ORCHARD COMMUNITY GARDEN



Where is the garden located?

You can check out Orchard Community Garden near Trail Head Parkette, close to the forest entryway.

How did the project begin?

The Orchard Community Garden was inspired by a privately-owned children's community garden in the area. After 7 years of its success, a group of 11 formidable women from the community came together to expand on the project. An application to the City of Burlington's Neighbourhood Community Matching Fund was approved in summer 2021 and the project was underway!

To learn more, donate, or volunteer visit their <u>Facebook</u> page or email them at <u>theorchardcommunitygardeners@gmail.com</u>.

Tell us about the project!

The Orchard Community Garden is a labour of love and local pride. It is a space for making connections, spending time in nature, and giving back to the community. As 2021 was its first year running, there is so much to come for this special outdoor space in the years ahead. Most of the 8 on site planter boxes will grow fruits and vegetables, and harvests will be donated to the Burlington Food Bank. It is a space for sharing and learning, not just by locals walking through and visiting the garden, but by schools and classrooms looking for an outdoor learning space too. Students looking for volunteer hours are also welcome and encouraged to reach out to participate!

Who is involved?

The Orchard Community Garden is run by a group of 11 volunteers, who are responsible for regular maintenance and watering of the garden. But many individuals, groups, businesses, and artists generously donated time and resources to make the garden happen.



