

## The Community Group

### Organize Your Group



### Have Public Meetings



### Create Your Garden Guidelines And Other Community Garden Documents



### Now You Are A Community Group



## The Steps That Lead To A Strong Sustainable Community Garden

### Organizational Sustainability



## The Physical Garden

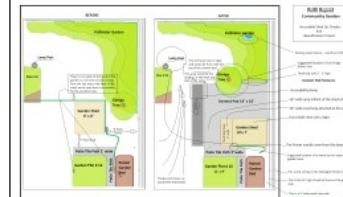
### Find The Land



### Check The Soil Quality



### Plan The Garden Layout



### Now You Can Plant The Garden



### Financial Sustainability

#### Getting Grants



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#### Finding Assets Within The Neighbourhood



The Gardeners  
Also Support The Garden

#### Getting Community Discounts



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HOME DEPOT



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## About This poster

### The Steps That Lead To A Strong Sustainable Community Garden

- The pictures are from the Perth Dupont Community Garden to demonstrate that this is real
- The process of starting a C.G. Is not linear – or as straight forward as we would like ... however, for demonstration purposes I have created it like this:
- The side panels show the separate parts of the **Community** – and - **Garden**
- the steps for the community group should have just as much care put into them as the physical garden.
- Right now these are called “ steps” however – as you get deeper into creating this community garden – you will see these as “mile stones” and hopefully they will be celebrated as such.
- In the centre we have the garden group and the physical garden – they are combined – with the hope of having “happy gardeners”
- For Kipp and Daniella – it was their first year and their first harvest – they are just beaming!
- However – just being able to have a place to plant your garden is not enough in a community garden
- You need to keep building up your group – and so you need to think about, not just the financial sustainability – but the organizational sustainability as well

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