

## Future of the Garden

In 2009, the garden began with one 50' x 50' fenced in section. Each year, plans to expand the garden will occur as outlined in the 5-year management plan with continued citizen interest and community support.

## For More Information

To learn more about the Columbia Community Garden please read our garden information packets available in Town Hall, Recreation office, or for an electronic copy, email Bob Ulkus at the address below. For general information about the Community Garden, visit the Town's website.

## Garden Survey

Help us plan for future needs by completing the Columbia Community Garden survey available at the Recreation Office. For an electronic copy, contact Bob Ulkus at:

[columbiactgarden@gmail.com](mailto:columbiactgarden@gmail.com)



## Seeds of the Future

Building community spirit through community gardening can happen when citizens choose to:



- ❁ Grow crops in individual plots side by side with neighbors
- ❁ Work in a cooperative garden plot sharing the work and harvest equally
- ❁ Grow crops to produce food for those in need
- ❁ Teach a family member or friend how to garden
- ❁ Lend a hand to a youth garden project
- ❁ Assist with a senior garden project
- ❁ Provide assistance to those with disabilities so they may enjoy a gardening experience
- ❁ Develop a garden off-site (school, agency, etc.)
- ❁ Volunteer at garden related events
- ❁ Participate in community garden work projects
- ❁ Join informal gatherings/socials (potlucks, Saturday morning garden coffee klatches, cooking demonstrations, etc.)
- ❁ Mentor beginning gardeners
- ❁ Become a master gardener
- ❁ Create garden art projects/crafts
- ❁ Participate in related garden and agricultural opportunities (canning, sustainable backyard gardening techniques, farming, etc.)

# Columbia Community Garden



2010

**Szegda Farm**

Szegda Road

Columbia, CT 06237

In cooperation with

The Szegda Farm Management Committee

## Why a Community Garden?

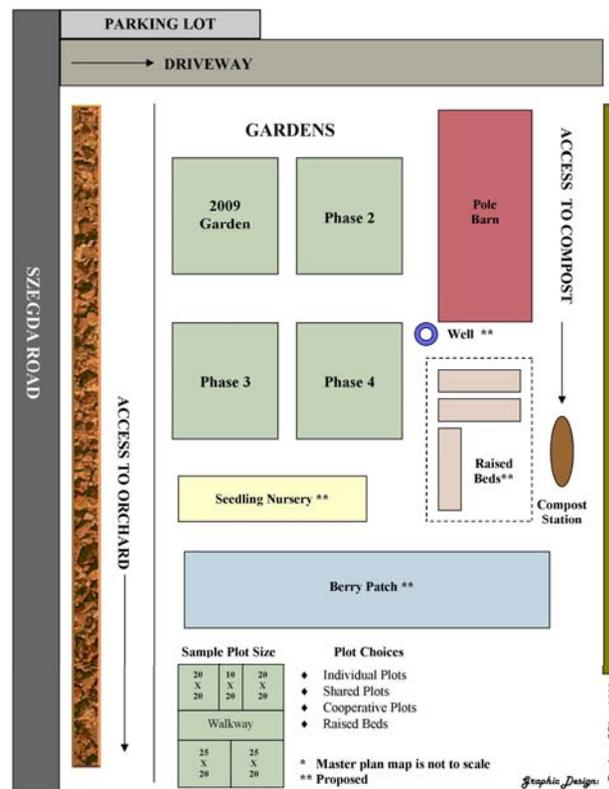
In 2008, the citizens of Columbia voted to adopt the Szegda Farm Management Plan which is a comprehensive document that defines three main goals: conserve and enhance the farm's diverse natural resources; maintain the cultural history of the property; and allow for recreational opportunities for the general public. Detailed objectives were developed so farming could be included as a land management tool to preserve and protect this open space. Citizens are able to enjoy the rewards of community gardening and use the Szegda farmland as an educational resource to learn new backyard gardening and farming techniques. It is our hope that community gardening at Szegda Farm will offer exciting and enjoyable opportunities to feed and sustain us for years to come.

## Garden Coordinator

Bob Ulkus, a resident of Columbia, is the volunteer coordinator of the community garden. His charge is to set the opening date of the garden each spring based on weather and site conditions and stake out the garden plots after the spring tilling work has taken place. Bob can be reached at the email address below.

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COLUMBIA COMMUNITY GARDEN ~ SZEGDA FARM \*  
Columbia, CT



## About the Garden

In its 2nd season, the Columbia Community Garden includes initiatives for up to 8 garden plots (minimum size of 10' x 20' per plot) for individual gardeners, a cooperative plot for approximately 4 families and 2 senior partners, along with a cooperative berry patch. Options for a cooperative perennial bed and a peace garden for community giving will be made available to participating gardeners. The garden area is closed in the off season.

## Eligibility

Registration is required for a community garden plot. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis through the Columbia Town Administrator's Office in Town Hall. A waiting list will be maintained for those applicants wishing to obtain a plot, when available. Applicants must be willing to maintain the assigned garden plot regularly throughout the season. Individuals under the age of 18 must have an adult co-sign their application and be an on-site participant with the youth at the garden. Individuals must comply with all garden rules or risk forfeiting their garden privileges or become ineligible for future participation in the program.

The annual garden plot fee is set prior to the opening of the garden season. The fee must be paid at the time of registration.

All registered gardeners will be given a copy of the Columbia Community Garden Guidelines and automatically become members of the Columbia Community Garden program. Active membership is encouraged but not required.

