

Future of the Garden

In 2009, the garden began with one 50' x 50' fenced section. Currently there is now approximately 10,000 square feet of garden space as part of the property's open space management plan. Garden projects can expand further with continued citizen interest and community support. Pest management strategies are utilized in keeping with our organic gardening practices. We are committed to welcoming and assisting new gardeners as part of the community gardening spirit.

For More Information

To learn more about the Columbia Community Garden please read our garden information packets available at Town Hall or online at the town's website: www.columbiact.org under the Columbia Rec Department web link, or under the Szegda Farm web link. For additional information please contact the volunteer garden coordinator at: 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
- ☒ Provide assistance to those with disabilities so they may enjoy a gardening experience
- ☒ Volunteer at garden related events
- ☒ Participate in community garden composting and improvement 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.)
- ☒ Assist in the development of a cooperative berry patch where gardeners pool their resources and share in the harvest together.

Columbia Community Garden



2016

Szegda Farm

Szegda Road

Columbia, CT 06237

In cooperation with

The Szegda Farm Management Committee

Why a Community Garden?

The Szegda Farm Management Plan 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.

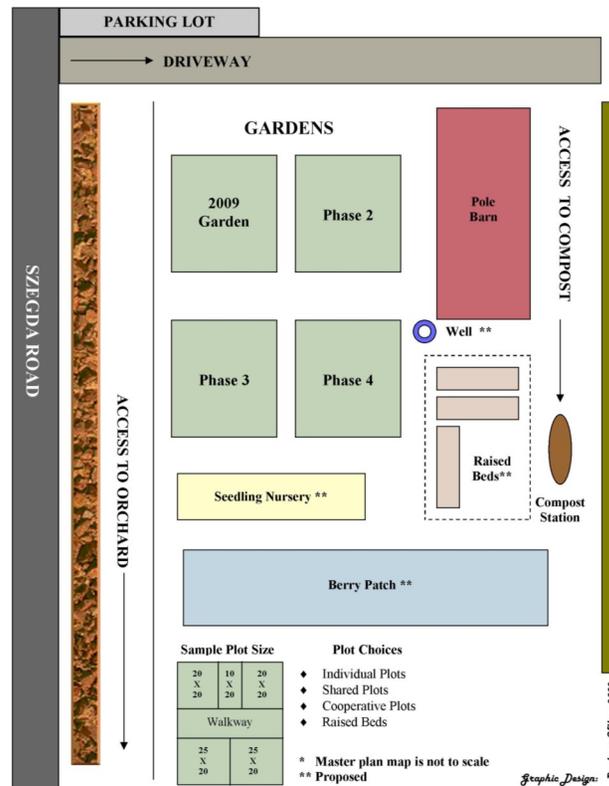
Visiting the Garden

If you would like learn more about our efforts, take a tour and hear about future plans, share ideas, or sign up to participate, you can contact the volunteer coordinator. Bob can be reached at the email address below.

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We welcome the opportunity for questions about gardening or share garden info so if you see us working our plots, stop and say hello.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY GARDEN ~ SZEGDA FARM *
Columbia, CT



About the Garden

In its 8th season, the Columbia Community Garden offers 4 sizes of garden plots within 10,00 square feet of garden space. (minimum size of 10' x 20' per plot) for individual gardeners. The garden area is closed in the off season but depending on the weather early and late season planting is an option. New for 2016 will be a composting program for interested participants as a part of a town awarded composting grant.

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 Rules & Guidelines and automatically become members of the Columbia Community Garden program. Active membership is encouraged but not required.

