



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION Old Business

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**MEETING DATE:** January 11, 2023  
**PREPARED BY:** Aimee Peterson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Maple Grove Community Garden Program – Progress Report

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**  
None

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**RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:**  
None

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**COMMENTS:**

Staff prepared a community garden progress report for the Board to review. The progress report is an update on the community garden program and includes a site selection timeline as well as estimated capital and operational costs for a proposed pilot program.

From 2011 to 2015 the city provided a 20-plot community garden program on a section of parkland in Lakeview Knolls park through an agreement between the Park Board and Grove Christian Center. The program was organized and operated through Grove Christian staff who were responsible for all operations including site preparation. The agreement was terminated in 2015 when Emmanuel Church took over the operation of the church.

Since that time, staff has received comments from residents about the desire to participate in a municipal garden program in the City of Maple Grove.

A community group called the Maple Grove Community Garden Co-Op was formed in 2020 with the purpose of bringing a successful community garden to Maple Grove. Clara Sandburg from the Maple Grove Community Garden Co-Op provided a public comment at the January 21, 2021 Board meeting asking if there was any plan to incorporate community gardens into our parks, mixed-use areas or vacant lots.

At the March 17, 2022 Board meeting, Emily Bergen from the Maple Grove Community Garden Co-Op presented and requested the Park Board's consideration for a community garden in Maple Grove. The Board asked staff to research and provide the Board with a feasibility study.

At the December 15, 2022 Board meeting, the Board approved an allocation of \$35,000 in the 2023 Park Development budget to fund a pilot community garden program.

Staff is seeking feedback and direction from the Board.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - 2023 Maple Grove Community Garden Progress Report