

Community Garden News

Thanks to a \$2,000 capacity-building grant from Sustainable Jersey, a project to set up a winter gardening demonstration is being built at the Madison Community Garden. This award will fund the construction of three High Tunnels at the rear of the garden.



High Tunnels prevent frost damage of plants and keep the ground from freezing, in effect providing a microclimate here in New Jersey that will mimic growing conditions found in areas that are more southerly. We will also utilize floating row covers within the tunnels. By employing both of these techniques, we hope to “move” these garden plots just north of Florida—without the addition of electric or gas heaters. By employing succession planting and using a selection of winter hardy vegetables, we will attempt to grow and harvest throughout the winter months.



An added benefit of the High Tunnel growing system is that the frames are light enough to move, avoiding the buildup of pests, disease, and excess nutrients.

The project’s success will enable The Madison Community Garden Committee to jumpstart another of our future initiatives—



to provide seasonal vegetables—hopefully year round—to a local food pantry.

This is an exciting learning opportunity open to the entire community. You do not need to be a community garden member to participate. Home gardeners, students, educators, civic and community groups--all are welcome.

Fill out the form below if you wish to learn more about this project or follow our progress.

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Madison's Community Garden

Opened Spring 2012

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Our mission is to provide Madison residents a suitable place to grow vegetables and develop a greater sense of community.

Community Garden Committee

Chris Kellogg, Chair

Charles Courtney, Comptroller

Stephan Stocker, Project Leader

Come visit us and walk around.

Directions to Madison Community Garden at 184 Ridgedale Avenue

From the center of Madison take Central Avenue to the end, make a right onto Ridgedale Avenue, and take the first left when you see the following sign.



From Park Avenue take Ridgedale Avenue, pass Madison High School and turn left when you see the above sign

Go down about 2 tenths of a mile to the parking area facing the MRC turf fields. Walking access to the Garden will be on your right facing the sports fields.

The Madison Community Garden Committee

Presents

A Winter Gardening Demonstration

2012



Extend Your Growing

Season to All Year

**Madison Community Garden
184 Ridgedale Avenue
Madison, New Jersey**