



Douglass Park Community Garden

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General Info

- Run by Katherine Hicks
- Part of Champaign District
- Partnered with Sola Gratia
- Located in a low-income neighborhood

Volunteers

- 3 volunteers from Sola Gratia
- 8 kids from an afterschool program
- Kids from Girls Explore Summer Camp

Dimensions

- Small
- No raised beds

Crops

- Tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, peppers, herbs, carrots, kohlrabi, chards, peas, squash
- Crops vary yearly
- Only use all natural products
- Help from Sola Gratia

Planting & Harvesting

- Plant during April-June
- Garden is in use from march-October
- All crops are harvested in the fall
- Produce is donated, eaten, or given to the kids to take home

Crop Needs

- No fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides
- No special soil
- Varying water needs
- No compost (at this time)

Money & Budgeting

- Plants, seeds and tools donated by Sola Gratia
- Bills paid by Champaign District
- No big expenses
- No current source of income

Future Plans

- No plans for expansion
- Incorporate more components to teach about gardening and sustainability

Current Water System

- Water using a hose and watering can
- Reliable source of water
- Allows them to teach kids about maintaining a garden
- Rainfall varies yearly

Water Needs

- Most water: July + August
- Water garden every other day
- Water in the morning/late afternoon
- Kids are responsible for watering plants
- Don't use electricity

Who does the garden serve?

- Garden directors
- Students taking part in educational programs
- Nearby community members who don't have access to grocery stores
- Community members (in general)
- Volunteers

