



# Rising to New Heights

**Developing a Strategic Plan for  
the White Mountain Community  
Garden**





# Three Objectives

- Objective 1
  - Develop a Vision, Mission, and Values statement to guide WMCG planning, management, operations, and sustainability
- Objective 2
  - Identify the Defined areas of Land use, their Purpose and Impacts for long term sustainability
- Objective 3
  - Recommendations & timeline to: Consolidate, Simplify, Increase Efficiency & Productivity





# Objective 1: Vision Statement

## The WMCG ascribes to:

- Become a strong sustainable community resource by providing nutritional, physical, aesthetic, and spiritual wellbeing for the White Mountain Community
- Enhance local resiliency by reducing the food desert
- Educate our children and adults about health and well-being to reduce obesity and diabetes
- Maximize the community garden & empower people to develop their own sustainable gardens





# Objective 1: Mission Statement

## The mission of the White Mountain Community Garden is to:

- Connect with the earth to grow nutritious produce
- Share best practices for sustainable gardening
- Reach out to the community; especially disabled, low income, seniors, children and Veterans





# Objective 1: Values Statement

## The WMCG Values are:

- Dedication to community service
- Sharing & caring, teaching and learning, partnering and always striving to improve the productivity, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impacts of the garden
- Good stewards of funds, equipment, human capital, and natural resources (i.e. soil, water, nutrients, seeds, and soil amendments) to promote healthy plants
- Adopting best practices of sustainable gardening



## Objective 2: Delineate areas of Land use, their Purposes, & Impacts

- ❖ Recommendations for effective use, resource utilization, and sustainability of land areas:
  - ❖ Memorial Garden – Define the size and location. Provide an ADA compliant walkway through the garden and suitable pavers for a permanent walkway edge
  - ❖ Raised Gardens – Keep those currently in place and limit expansion as indicated
  - ❖ Private Gardens – Keep those near the raised gardens, and don't expand beyond the boundaries in the site plan
  - ❖ HEALP – Remain situated in the high tunnel
  - ❖ High Tunnel – maintain location and add flood control berms as indicated on the site plan







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### ❖ Recommendations – continued

- ❖ Compost Site – Relocate behind the high tunnel (see site plan) to help with flood control. Incorporate compost bins and fill with shredded organic matter (in the ratio of: 2# Urea per 40-50# organic matter)
- ❖ Community Gardens – All remaining land will comprise a single community Garden (see site plan)





# Objective 3

## Recommendations for Sustainability: Maintain, Consolidate, Increase Productivity

### ❖ Maintain Useable Spaces: Memorial Garden

- ❖ Improve the memorial garden site and limit expansion
- ❖ Decide how current and future individuals will be honored
- ❖ Avoid new trees and replace unhealthy trees (2 spruce)
- ❖ Create a pathway through the garden that is lined with pavers that could contain memorial engravings and that is wheelchair accessible. WMCG could accept donations and contract out standard engravings

### ❖ Consolidate Areas of Low Land use Productivity

Increase the size of the community garden by:

Removing the fruit trees and some private gardens;  
Reclaiming the area in front of and along side the high tunnel to (see site plan)





## Objective 3: continued

- ❖ Increase Productivity, Resource Utilization, Garden Health
  - ❖ Coordinate with UA Coop. Extension to create a plan to:
    - ❖ Level and cultivate the community garden
    - ❖ Establish adequate surface drainage
    - ❖ Designate areas for walkways and roadways
    - ❖ Utilize beneficial soil amendments
    - ❖ Develop planting and tilling protocols
    - ❖ Implement an Integrated Pest Management program that meets organic produce certification criteria
    - ❖ Expand opportunities for Education Outreach to K-16
    - ❖ Develop marketing materials to promote corporate sponsorships
    - ❖ Apply for Americorps and Vista programs to acquire volunteers with expertise in organic gardening.





# Sustainability Timeline

## ❖ August - October

### ❖ Develop a sustainability plan for:

- ❖ Current & Future Service Areas
- ❖ Roadways
- ❖ Effective Drainage resolution
- ❖ Americorps & Vista volunteers
- ❖ Survey and leveling

## ❖ October - December

### ❖ Meet with city, county, and UA Cooperative Extension for:

- ❖ Amending and cultivating the soil
- ❖ Education offerings for 2017 w/ UA Cooperative Extension & Public Health
- ❖ Create a planting plan for 2017

## ❖ January - March

### ❖ Prepare for:

- ❖ plot leveling
- ❖ cultivating & soil amendments
- ❖ Walkway's





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