



## Staff Report

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**TO:** Loomis Library & Community Learning Center Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Sarah Comstock, Community Engagement Librarian  
**DATE:** October 6, 2021  
**RE:** Plans for a Community Demonstration Garden on Library Grounds

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### **Recommendation**

View the presentation by UC Master Gardeners of Placer County and adopt the attached resolution approving the plan to build demonstration gardens on library grounds.

### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

In March of 2021, the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center was approached by the UC Master Gardeners of Placer County with the idea of creating community demonstration gardens on the grounds of the library. The UC Master Gardeners of Placer County are a volunteer organization devoted to public education for home gardeners. They run programs throughout the county, and have over 100 volunteers providing education and resources for those who wish to know more about gardening.

The Loomis Library and the UC Master Gardeners of Placer County have long-standing partnership, including many public workshops and the Seed Library. The community has always responded well to these partnerships, with many of the workshops being among our best attended. We believe that using the Library grounds for a space for community gardens would be mutually beneficial to the UC Master Gardeners, the library, and the community as a whole. Because the library is located close to I-80, and downtown Loomis, the location is ideal for garden-enthusiasts, as well as other people who may have an interest in gardening. Placer County currently has no public gardens, making this garden space a great addition to our community, and will likely increase visitation to the library from the surrounding region. This partnership will help to beautify the existing library grounds, as well as creating an outdoor classroom that will be usable for library events. This will be done with little expense or labor from the town or library, and will serve to enhance library programs and attendance.

### **CEQA Requirements**

There are no CEQA implications with the recommended action.

### **Financial and/or Policy Implications**

There are no direct financial implications to the recommended action. The actual project may require funds; however, these will be implemented as budget allows and as Council and the Library Board prioritize.

**Attachments**

- A. Resolution
- B. Presentation