

CANISTEO COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

Proposed Project Plan

Pending Grant Funding

Please use this
plan to:

- Learn More
- Spread the Word & Build Community Support





Community gardens help build community and social connections, improve health and nutrition, advance life skills among volunteers and program participants, and increase environmental awareness.

Cornell Cooperative Extension has applied for NYS Agriculture and Markets funding to establish and support this garden program for the 1st year

Plans

- Garden Site: Canisteo Village Hall
- Installation of six 4' W x 8' L x 2.6' D raised beds, two 2' W x 9.5' L x 2.6' D raised beds and three portable 2' W x 4' L x 2.6' D beds
- Build a garden volunteer team to maintain and manage food production.
- Donate produce to the Canisteo Wesleyan Church Food Pantry.
- Develop a partnership with the Canisteo Highschool Special Education classes to start seeds under grow lights. This will provide the garden with plants, increase student's life skills, and cultivate students' social responsibility.

Goals

- Increase the amount of fresh produce available at the Canisteo Wesleyan Church Food Pantry.
- Improve the quality of produce available at the Food Pantry.
- Increase the number of community volunteers with skills and knowledge to further educate other community members.
- Increase life skills and community philanthropy among students, volunteers, and food pantry participants.



Garden Team Volunteer Recruitment:

Dedicated Volunteer base needed of at least 5–10 volunteers

These volunteer positions include:

Garden Manager (1 leader or a team of 2 co-leaders) – Garden planning, delegating responsibilities to garden workers, communicating with garden and food pantry volunteers, as well as establishing and coordinating a food donation system with the food pantry volunteers. Some assistance with garden planting, watering, weeding, maintenance, and harvesting will be helpful to clearly understand garden needs throughout the season. Assist with volunteer recruitment and retention.

Garden Workers (5 + individuals) – Planting, watering, weeding, maintenance, harvesting, transportation of food donations. Assist the Garden Manager(s) with garden planning from year to year. Assist with volunteer recruitment.

Communication Coordinator (1 individual) – Helps with communication of garden activities and event to the community, press, and village board and mayor. Additionally, this position helps coordinate and plan fundraising activities or building community and financial supporters. Assist with volunteer recruitment and retention. This position requires regular communication with the Garden Manager(s) and other project supporters.

Partnerships



Current Project Supporters:

- Canisteo Wesleyan Church & Food Pantry
- Steuben County Master Gardener

Volunteers

- Canisteo-Greenwood Central School –
Highschool Special Education Classes
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben
County

Please reach out to one of the contacts on the next page if you would like to become a project supporter either through volunteering, community communication, or financial contributions.

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