Sample Gardens

Each garden kit is defined by its size, scope and location. These are a few examples of City Green Gardens that have been installed at other schools. Pricing information is available by calling City Green.

Bird and Butterfly Habitat Garden: *an in-ground 24 square foot garden (in any configuration) comes with 12 plants, soil amendments, and 5 lesson plans.*

Small Butterfly Container Garden: *four containers, 8 plants, 8 bags of soil, a hose, hose caddy and nozzle, and 4 lesson plans.*

Large Butterfly Container Garden: *8 containers, 16 plants, 16 bags of soil, a hose, hose caddy, and nozzle, and 8 lesson plans.*

Raised Bed Vegetable Garden: *Two 10' X 3' raised beds made of wood and filled with soil, seed packets, 5 lesson plans.*

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Get Started with a Garden

School gardens are simple to construct and easy to maintain. They are a powerful hands-on learning tool for children grades K-12. The plants, insects, soil, and seasonal changes in the garden connect to science, social studies, health, nutrition, language arts, and math.

With help from City Green, a team of teachers and students can install a garden of any size on your school grounds.

Small beds allow students to tend all parts of the garden safely.

When students grow their own vegetables in the garden, they learn where food comes from. They feel pride in their garden and are eager to try new vegetables and leafy greens.

The City Green Garden Package

We're not landscapers, we're educators. So we'll help you learn how to make a garden come alive. Here's what we offer.

The Consultation: Experts from City Green will visit your school to meet with administrators and teachers. We'll discuss your goal and purpose of the garden. We'll make suggestions about locating the garden and how best to create an outdoor garden "room" for your school.

The Installation: City Green will dedicate two days of labor to install the garden alongside school children and teachers. Students learn first-hand the steps in a process, safety rules, and the pride of making a difference at their school.

Professional Development Workshop: City Green provides a hands-on, on-site teacher training workshop and printed materials about how to care for the new garden.

Comprehensive Garden Manual : Based on school needs, City Green develops five lesson plans tailored to each garden installation. Lesson plans are correlated to the NJ Core Curriculum and offer step-by-step instructions for projects as well as cross-curricular extensions and a built-in portfolio assessment component. Further lesson development is available for a fee.

Garden Support: City Green is available as a resource to trouble shoot, recruit volunteers, offer gardening advice as needed, and help with lesson development.

School Contribution

City Green folks love gardening, but we can't do it alone. To enter the City Green School Garden Program, you'll need the following pieces in place:

Support of the Principal—Administrative support is a crucial component in a successful garden program.

Three or More Dedicated Teachers—Gardens that are frequently visited are easy to maintain and offer the greatest impact to the classroom.

Teacher Training—A team of trained teachers are likely to incorporate the garden most effectively into their classrooms. Fees for teacher training are $100 per teacher or $400 per 6 teachers.

Funding—City Green offers a 50% matching grant to cover the materials costs of garden installation. These costs can be met by a simple fundraiser. Typical gardens cost between $200 and $900. Matters of financial hardship should be referred to City Green.

Assessment—Participating teachers agree to complete a survey before and after the program implementation to measure the impact of the garden on their students.

Students follow safety rules for using tools as they build their own garden.