

Stonequist Community Garden

Fact Sheet

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The new community garden at Stonequist Apartments is a joint effort between the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority and Sustainable Saratoga. The garden consists of 20 new plots in addition to the four plots that were previously available to residents. Priority for plot assignments will be given to Housing Authority residents, but all remaining plots will be made available to the general public on a first-come basis. The Housing Authority has provided the land and Sustainable Saratoga will provide the coordination and gardening experience to make this the only walkable community garden, open to any resident in the city.

The site is located behind the Stonequist Apartment building at the corner of West Circular and South Federal Streets. Community gardens are a time honored way to:

- Improve the quality of life for people in the garden
- Provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulate Social Interaction
- Encourage Self-Reliance
- Beautify Neighborhoods
- Produce Nutritious Food
- Reduce Family Food Budgets
- Conserve Resources
- Create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduce Crime
- Preserve Green Space
- Provide opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

Sustainable Saratoga will be organizing the garden including garden plot assignments and spring and fall garden work days. If interested in a plot, the general public should contact Sustainable Saratoga at the following e-mail address: saratogagardens@gmail.com.

Community gardens have long been a dream of many Saratogains. It is the hope of Sustainable Saratoga that this garden marks the first in a new network of community gardens across the city. Any large landowner willing to host a garden is urged to contact Sustainable Saratoga.

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