

Plot Information

5'x15' Plots:

\$25 non-students
\$15 students

5'x30' Plots:

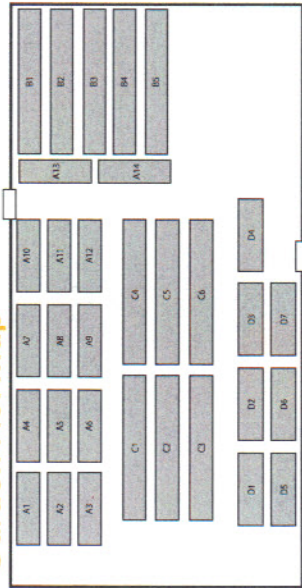
\$40 non-students
\$25 students

Volunteer for 3 hours at the Gibbs Farm, Stadium Drive Community Garden, or Produce Stand and non-students will receive \$15 off their plot rental or students can rent a 5x15 plot for **free!**

Stadium Drive Community Garden

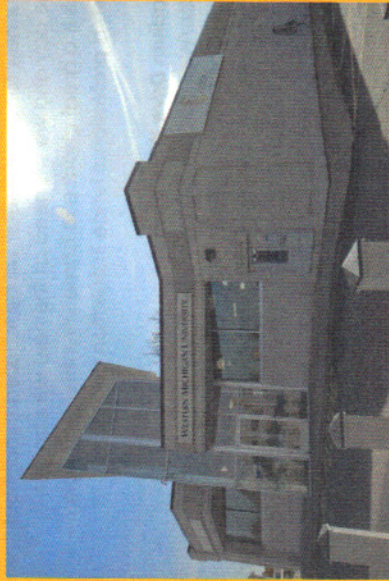
Behind Stadium Drive Apartments; on Howard and Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, MI

Garden Plot Map

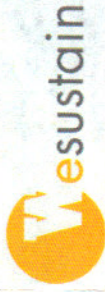


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The Stadium Drive
Community Garden



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Goals

We strive to encourage Western Michigan University students, staff, faculty, and the Kalamazoo community members to actively participate in growing local and sustainable food. The WMU Student Garden at Stadium Drive Apartments will host a vibrant community of people interested in growing food. This garden will be a place to learn, interact and have fun with others interested in growing fruits and vegetables. We encourage community garden participants to plant a row for the hungry and donate their extra produce to local food banks.

Through gardening, we build relationships with students, community members and people in need.

Workshops

Hoop House Installation / March 22 9:00am-6:00pm
This is an all day event hosted out at the Gibbs House Farm. We will be installing a 30'x48' hoop house structure that will extend our growing season and offer additional research and development opportunities. All volunteers and on-lookers are welcome throughout the day. Lunch will be catered for everyone involved.

Fence Installation / April 5th 9:00am-6:00pm
Our new fence perimeter will be installed throughout the day and we will need all the help we can get. This is a great chance to come volunteer and work with a professional fence installation company!

Stadium Drive Work Days
Mon/Wed 3:00pm-6:00pm May-October
Thurs/Sat 1:00pm-4:00pm May - October
Work Days will provide gardeners with access to tools and hands on advice and help from the Permaculture Team. Meet gardeners, problem solve and exchange knowledge out in the field!

Peace Jam / April 13 1:15pm-4:15pm
Come get your hands dirty with Peace Jam volunteers from and help us prepare the Stadium Drive garden for growing this summer!

Sustainability Bash / April 19th from 4:00pm-8:00pm
Come on out to the Gibbs house for an afternoon full of activities and workshops related to sustainability. This is a great chance to learn more about sustainability initiatives on campus and in the community.

Introduction to Gardening / May 17 Time: TBA
This workshop will get everyone started on planting at the beginning of the growing season. We will demonstrate how to plant, when to plant, when to water, and how to harvest. We will provide materials.

History

In 2010, the Student Garden Organization (SGO), a registered student organization, developed and managed the Stadium Drive Community Garden at Western Michigan University. At the beginning of the 2010 growing season, the SGO brought a team of oxen from Tillers International, a local non-profit, to plow the field. During 2010, the SGO developed a 30'x120' fenced area full of community garden plots. The WMU Student Garden has hosted a wide range of students and community members since 2010. In 2011, the Stadium Drive Apartment Manager co-managed the garden and involved a range of international apartment residents. 2012 will be the first year that an Office for Sustainability Intern manages the community garden space. The Office for Sustainability is proud to be a part of the community garden movement here in Kalamazoo and encourages WMU students, faculty and staff to become involved.