

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ 48.2% of Middleton's housing units are renter-occupied
- ◆ 49.2% of Middleton's housing units are multi-family units (duplexes, apartments, and condominiums)
- ◆ Bock Community Garden is Middleton's first permanent community garden.
- ◆ So far this year, Bock Community Gardeners donated over 1,000 pounds of produce to Middleton Outreach Ministry.
- ◆ On September 17, 2010, a 28 tree fruit orchard was planted at the garden, thanks to a Communities Take Root grant from Edy's and the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation.



Garden Plots are currently full and there is a waiting list. In 2013, the Sustainability Committee plans to open a second community garden in Middleton.



Updates!

For more information about the Bock Community Garden, or to ask to be put on the list to rent a plot at the garden, please contact Abby Attoun, City of Middleton Asst. Director of Community Development at (608)821-8343 or aattoun@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Bock Community Garden

The John C. Bock Community Forest includes a very unique 1 acre community garden. This community garden includes space for growing vegetables, fruits, and flowers like a typical community garden, as well as space devoted to growing native trees, shrubs and perennials for transplant into the Bock restoration area. In addition, gardeners grow produce for Middleton Outreach Ministry through the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry program.



Community Garden FAQs

What is a community garden?

A community garden is a group of individuals, families, and organizations who choose to garden together. People of all cultures, speaking all languages, making any kind of income, with little or a lot of growing experience are all welcome. Each household or organization gets a plot to tend and contributes some volunteer hours to help run the garden, and in the case of the Bock Community Garden, to help contribute to the restoration of the John C. Bock Community Forest prairie and oak savannah.

How will the gardeners contribute to the restoration?

Purchasing 3 year old oak trees and mature native plants can be very costly. However, purchasing small oak seedlings and shrubs can be relatively inexpensive. Bock Community Gardeners will be provided with seedlings and shrubs which they will be responsible for planting and tending. This responsibility will be part of an agreement between the gardeners and the City of Middleton, which will be signed at the time community garden plots are issued.

Will I be able to choose what I grow in my garden plot?

Of course! The only stipulation is that all garden plots must be kept organic.



What about people who have never gardened before?

One of the greatest benefits of community gardening is learning from other gardeners. Someone will always be there to help. The most important thing is to ask for help and suggestions from your fellow gardeners. It's a lot of fun!

How much time does it take?

Gardening is fun but it's also hard work! You will have to weed, harvest, and maintain your plot, and contribute to the maintenance of the forest restoration plot. You will also have to participate in at least two garden workdays per growing season. Gardening also demands more time at certain points of the growing season than others. If you don't think you can tend to your plot at least twice a week, consider sharing with someone else.



Once I have a plot, what do I do?

- Be a good neighbor by following the rules and maintaining your plot
- Perform the required hours of voluntary service for the garden and the forest restoration
- Enjoy the garden and the community of gardeners!

