

Why start a community garden?

There are benefits to a Community Garden:

- In Passaic County, New Jersey almost 50,000 people − 1 in 6 children − struggle with food insecurity.
- Poor nutrition can lead to lasting deficits in cognitive, social, and emotional development. Studies show that food insecure children are twice as likely to develop health problems overall
- Neighborhoods with many poor or low-income residents often have fewer resources that promote health (e.g., full-service grocery stores offering affordable and nutritious foods, parks and recreational facilities that encourage physical activity)
- Make the space feel like it is their own and part of the community.

Passaic, NJ

Stats:

• Poverty Rate: 33.1%

• **Population** :71,057

Median Age: 29.8

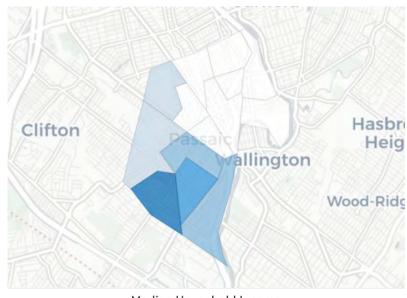
• Median Household Income \$34,920

Median Property Value :\$309,700

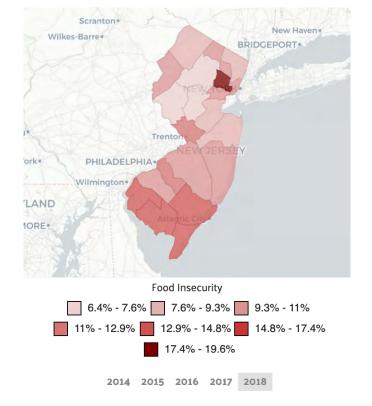
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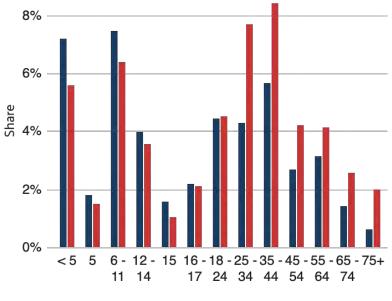
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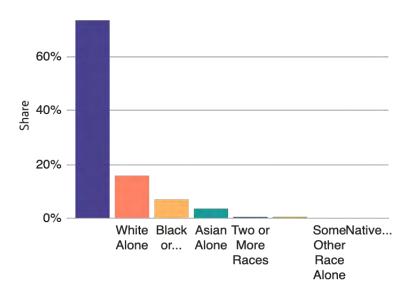


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Female Male

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



Race or Ethnicity



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Where

We were considering

- Park
- Library
- Church
- Empty lots

We wanted a place that was closest to people, where having a car would not be necessary because parking can be a huge hassle, along with other things.



Figuring it out...

- Not something I could have started on my own
 - Went out with my dad and talked about the parks and history
- Had help from friends, family, professors
 - Spoke with people in PSEG ISS and MSUCCG
- Decided to start with communicating with the the people in city hall
- Sent email, and thinking about other logistics

Proposal: Community Gunden in Passaic, NJ Written by: Patry Herrers and Deborah Thompson Contact information: payvis102/it gentil com and Thompsondeborah (13/4) gentil com-Vision: Promoting food sucurity and engagement with the environment through a community surden and making it as appearable as possible for everyone. Missian: Outreach programs and educational events to help create inclusivity in public green spaces for all of the residents of Passaic. No specific church and right new there are no large gar · Empty Im (not in use) We do not know of any lots Reid Mennetal Branch Passaic Public Library: there plat or two · Col. Johnson Park 2 Polaski Park o Columbia Ave Park (maybe) · Christopher Columbus Park Dunder Island Types of gardens: Vegetable garden (Peppers, Cabbage, Papalos, Ch. I Botamcal garden (NJ Flower, Datfordily, Tulips, Li Sensory garden (Lily, Basil, Levender, Chamoonile, 4 Mixed*(Much preferred, a permuculture set up is po Benefits of Community Garden: · Neighborhoods with more vegetation and greenery were also neighborhood social ries among people sharing the space · Volunteering for a community partlesing project can strengthen c Ourdening can bring a connection with earth and a sense of spirima. Gendering can bring a connection with earth and a sense of spirot · A compressed for a community findenning project can strength multipootpood social ties aming people sharing the space · Meighborhoods with more vegetation and gremmy were s

Concerns

- Insurance
- Limiting spending for resources
- Need more volunteers/people
- To rent or have used for the public

Where do we go from here?

Some weird timing, given the current situation, we took a step back

 Taking this time to make sure that we can figure out the logistics and find more people to get involved

 Understand that this may not be possible right now, but are hopeful to have it ready by next year

Feedback or Questions



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Thank you!

