

The Caldwell Community Gardens Story

Caldwell Community Gardens began with the plan to start one community garden in early 2009. By early 2010, nine community gardens had sprung up around our county, including one designed specifically for wheel chair accessibility. In summer 2010 Caldwell Community Gardens, the City of Lenoir and Caldwell Memorial Hospital received a FIT Community grant to build a walking park and raised garden beds for community gardening on the former Singer Furniture Factory site at 1419 College Avenue.

It is the goal of Caldwell Community Gardens to continue encouraging and educating Caldwell County residents about the importance of eating healthy and about community gardening as a way to increase access to affordable, healthy foods. We are also committed to passing along the skills of successful gardening to the next generation.



Gardening at the Beall Street Community Garden next to Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church



Unity Park and Community Gardens



Built on the site of the old Singer Furniture factory at 1419 College Avenue, Unity Park and Community Gardens was created in part with grant funding from a two-year FIT Community Grant through the NC Division of Public Health.

The park features 75 raised garden beds, a garden shed, dwarf fruit tree orchard (plums, figs, apples and pears), blueberry bushes, and a walking path.



The garden shed at Unity Park was built by City of Lenoir Public Works and is modeled after the shed at the N.C. Arboretum. The shed has two large rainwater cisterns that can provide water for the orchard and berry bushes, even in drought conditions. There is also an irrigation system for the raised garden beds.

For information, to volunteer, or to reserve a raised planting bed, please call 828-757-2177



Scenes from the gardens at Unity Park

