

GOOD NEWS TODAY! The Garden is now a reality!

The University today approved our project both for funding and for the use of a North Campus site. Our budget is \$5,000 and the land is located at the northeast corner of Beal Ave. and Glacier Way, about $\frac{1}{2}$ block east of the U.M. bus stop at the IST building. The University has committed this land to the Garden Project for at least 3 years, with the option to renew if the project is successful. Also approved by the University is our overall plan for the physical layout of beds, composting bins, and construction of fence, tool house, and shelter. So we are on our way!

Before the May 1 DIG-IN begins we plan to complete the following jobs: Haul a mountain of manure from a barn on Plymouth Road to the Garden site; haul a mountain of hardwood leaves for composting from a site about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away to the Garden site; construct the tool shed and the fence; construct the access road into the Garden; have a drive for tools among local citizenry, and purchase all tools not provided free; order and/or purchase locally all seed, bulks, and other plant materials; finalize details for plantings, bed by bed.

We will need help during these last two weeks of April for these chores, so we have set Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 for a two-day work session at the Garden site. On those days, we will have on hand trucks and tools and lumber and posts, etc. for the hauling of the composting materials and for the construction of the fence and tool house. Please plan to spend at least a half-day with us during that weekend, working and familiarizing yourself with the overall Garden layout and learning more about the DIG-IN itself. Bring a hammer and a saw and some saw horses, if you have them, plus a shovel or a pitch fork. We will have extra tools for persons who do not have them.

A group is being organized to study the Ecology of the Garden. We are pretty well along on this, but need a few more people to take on certain aspects of soils analysis, compiling weather data, monitoring insect populations, measuring crop production, and to help design experiments for use of composting materials, etc. Please call Bill Kopper if you are interested in any of these studies (day 761-3186, night 665-0127).

Remember that our DIG-IN begins May 1 and will continue daily through the month of May; until all vegetable and flower beds are prepared and all plantings completed. Thereafter, there will be maintenance, weeding, thinnings, mulchings, insect control, watering, and other chores that will continue throughout the summer. The Garden is beautiful on paper and in our minds---work and care will make it a beautiful reality both physically and psychologically.

New names are still coming in for our mailing list of Garden workers. If you know of anyone interested who is not on our list, please have them call Doris Cellarius (665-8397).

THE NEXT SEMINAR IN THE LIVING WITH THE EARTH SERIES IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, AND WILL FEATURE DR. W.H. WAGNER (BOTANICAL GARDENS), MR. WM. BOLDUC (EDEN FOOD STORE), AND MR. J. E. KONLANDE (NUTRITIONIST) SPEAKING ON EDIBLE PLANTS, NATURAL FOODS, AND NUTRITION. UGLI MULTIPURPOSE ROOM. 7:30 P.M.

For the Planning Committee,
Bob Zahner
John Remsberg
Bill Kopper
Doris Cellarius

REMEMBER THESE DATES:

April 24-25
Work Days at the
Garden Site

April 21
Seminar on
Natural Foods

May 1
DIG-IN begins!