

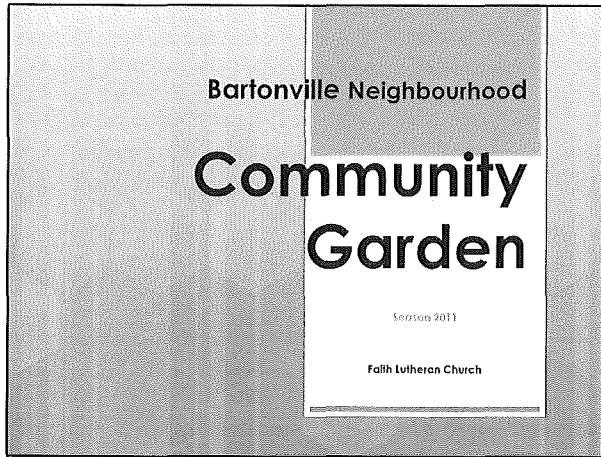
**Bartonville Neighbourhood**

# **Community Garden**

Season 2011

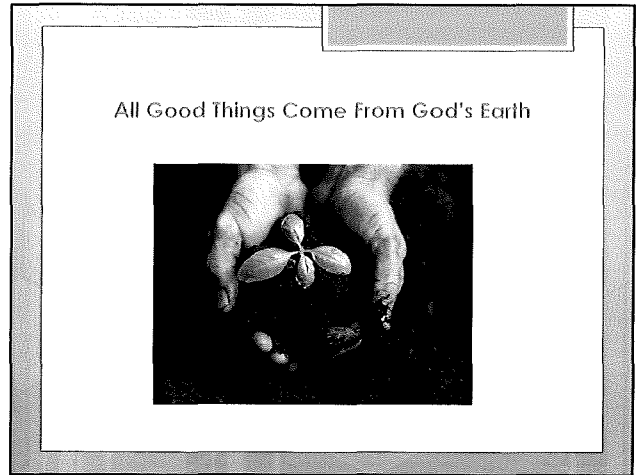
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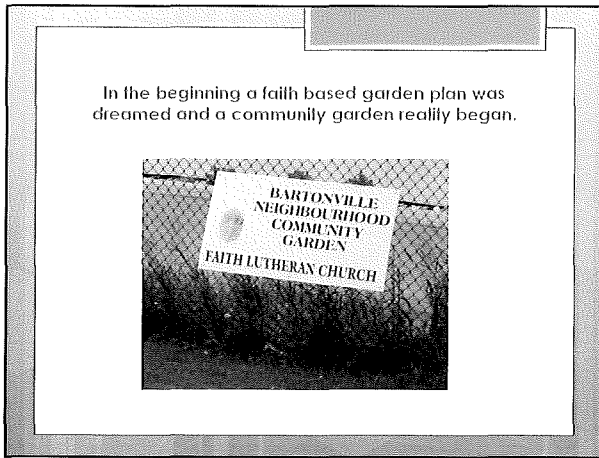


**Introduction**

Edda Jaenisch, member Faith Lutheran Church  
 1907 King Street East.  
 Volunteer organizer Bartonville Neighbourhood  
 Community Garden.  
 Church gardener: responsible for 9 botanical  
 gardens refurbished in 2010 and a young  
 3 plant apple orchard planted in 20.11

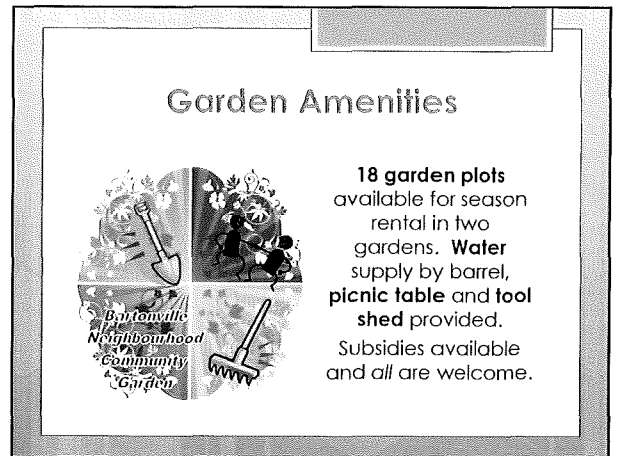


As all good things come from God's earth it  
 seemed a natural progression, and the  
 right time, to dream about a Community garden.  
 Our church mission statement invites us to practise  
 Action-based faith by making that difference in our  
 neighbourhood community.  
 Helping to protect the earth and to provide a  
 secure food source for all regardless of income  
 seemed a logical choice.  
 A newly retired coordinator with a passion for  
 gardening came forward and we were off.



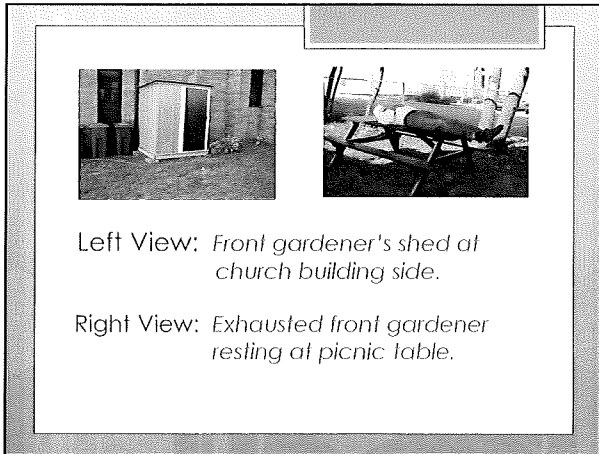
**Where would the money come from?**

Start up funding was requested and received  
 from the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC  
 (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)  
 along with donations from church member  
 families and the search began for a garden network  
 for help so that we would not need to reinvent the wheel.  
 Enter the Hamilton Community Garden Network  
 and thus began our relationship with  
 Coordinator Clare Wagner.

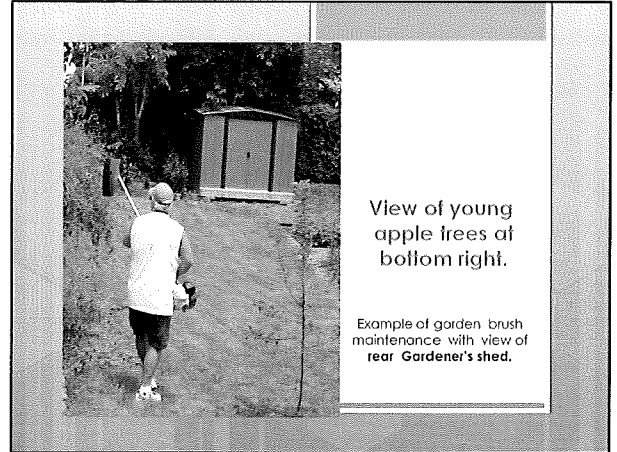


**The Planning Steps**

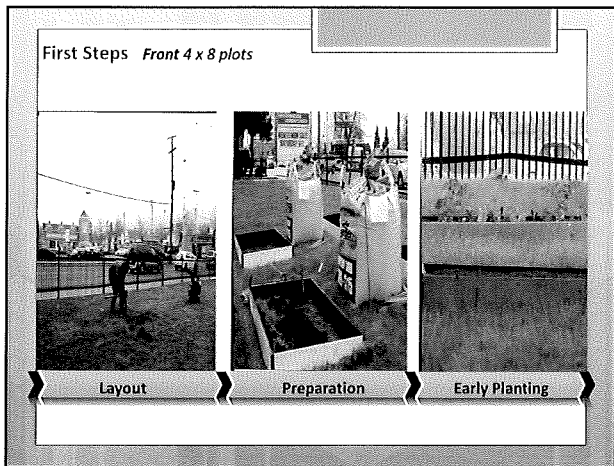
**Eight** raised plot (the land is not flat but severely  
 sloped) 4 x 8 foot gardens were planned for the  
 South west corner on the front lawn.  
**Ten** raised plot 6 x 10 foot gardens were planned for  
 The backyard north east corner. Total 18 plots.  
 All garden water by water barrel was planned.  
 Gardener sheds, green waste storage and  
 Rest areas were planned as well as future  
 expansion.



**Left view** of the front gardeners shed and green waste storage area.  
**Right view** of the front gardeners picnic table.

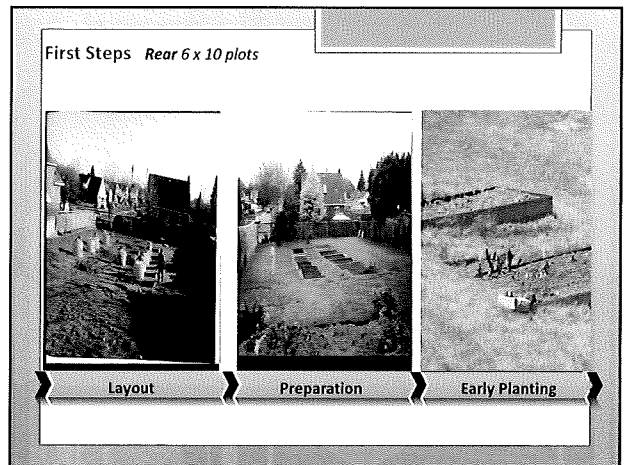


View of **rear gardeners** storage shed.  
 Rear gardeners picnic table with umbrella is not visible nor is the green waste storage area.  
 There is a **bottom right view** of **three** (only one visible) apple trees. Trees generously subsidized and delivered by Home Hardware garden centre.



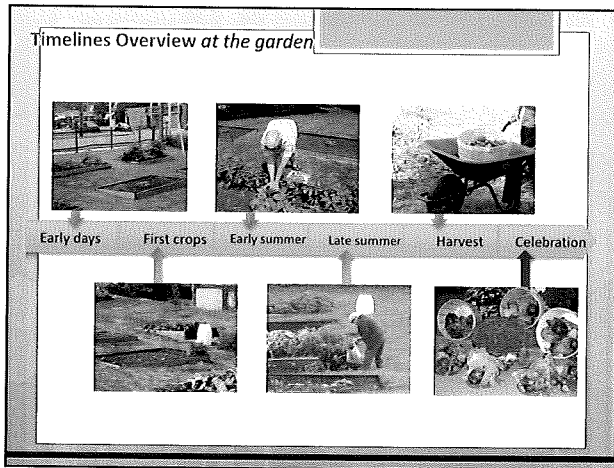
**Development Of Front Garden**

This is an over view of the development from: plot measuring, sod cutting, raised bed construction and installation, soil digging and soil amending of the eight front raised garden beds. The gardeners added the early plants. The sod was relayed in other parts of the church grounds. Many volunteer hours went into this task. We could not have gotten this far without the help of coordinator Clare who assisted with contacts for lumber and bulk soil purchase. The lumber was provided by Turkstra Lumber who generously subsidized the cost. Compost in bulk was received through the network as well.




**Development Of Rear Garden**

This is an over view of the north east rear garden consisting of ten 6 x 10 raised plots. The sod was cut and relayed elsewhere in the garden and we see the soil amendments set out in their big yellow bags. The wooden boxes were constructed and set in place and volunteers filled the ten plots with soil. The gardeners moved in and planted the beds. There is **potential to expand** the rear garden by ten more plots and to expand the orchard to include pear, cherry and peach trees. Again, **no expansion will be possible without** the team work efforts of the garden network through the coordinator. It is essential to learn from best practices and experience and to purchase in bulk to sustain our young urban food supply.



This represents a brief sample of the garden season of 2011 from early days to harvest days and thanksgiving celebration at the Bartonville Neighbourhood Community Garden. Food produced was used by the church in the **Good Food Box Program** and in the **Hot Lunch Program**. Food produced was harvested and used by the season rental gardeners. Food produced was gleaned (a biblical term to support the poor, widows and orphans) by at least one neighbour that we got to know.



The Gardener agrees to conduct in the following manner:

- To use organic methods and production for gardening to the best of Gardener's ability;
- Be responsible for usage of Church resources (water, Land etc.);
- To dispose of garden waste, garbage and recyclables in the designated locations;
- To not be on Church property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. due to personal safety;
- To park in the designated location;
- To take responsibility for one's behaviour and health needs; Gardener works at own risk.


The Church agrees to conduct in the following manner:

- To provide basic gardening organizers such as disposal bins, locker access, etc.;
- To provide access to water from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. week days and 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday;
- To provide designated location for garden waste disposal;
- To provide, when requested, Gardener botanical guidance.


**Bartonville Neighbourhood Community Garden**

**Bartonville Neighbourhood Community Garden Contract**

This outlines the responsibility of the church for the gardens and gardeners; and the responsibility of the gardener for the gardens.



Eastern Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



HAMILTON  
community  
garden  
NETWORK

**Bartonville Neighbourhood Community Garden**  
of  
Faith Lutheran Church  
1907 King Street East  
Hamilton, Ontario

**Hamilton Community Garden Network**  
22 Veevers Drive  
Hamilton, Ontario

Season 2011 was successful in that grass areas were turned into food production and not mowed every week. Good, local, nutritious organic food was introduced into the neighbourhood to the people that produced it or for the use of people who needed it thus helping to reduce poor nutrition due to poverty. It is an example that a healthy supply of local food is available simply because we can produce it on a fallow green space. It is also an example of team work in action. Without partnerships and networks, each garden struggles alone perhaps to fail. Why not continue to work together? Thereby the whole community is able to profit and share in the earths abundance.