

What is the Elk Grove Community Garden and Learning Center?

The Elk Grove Community Garden and Learning Center is a public non-profit organization devoted to support and management of the garden and its activities. It is run by a board of volunteers. The garden sits on just over one acre of land owned by the City of Elk Grove and includes over 80 raised beds leased annually to individuals, families or organizations. Specifically:

- Beds are leased from March through February at a cost of \$36/year.
- Ten ADA accessible beds are rented out to individuals or organizations.
- Garden plot holders donate 12 hours per year to overall garden events, beautification, and projects.
- 14 additional beds and large in-ground plots are used by volunteers to grow food for the Elk Grove Food Bank.

A number of organizations have contributed funding, time and in-kind donations. Currently:

- the City of Elk Grove grant to begin construction of a children's learning center
- Eagle Scout projects including, ADA raised beds, concrete pads, signage, outdoor sink, bulletin boards, etc.
- Coldwell Banker
- Real Estate Agents of Lyons Realty
- Sacramento Tree Foundation

Our Mission

The mission of the Elk Grove Community Garden and Learning Center is to educate the general public as to the benefits of gardening; to provide individuals and families the opportunity to grow healthy food, to demonstrate and teach ecologically sound gardening and landscaping techniques; to provide public service through community involvement.

Our Purposes and Objectives:

The EGCG is organized for garden related activities and community service projects.

The purposes of the EGCG are:

- to maintain a site as a community garden where members can engage in gardening and where ecologically sound gardening and landscaping techniques can be taught and demonstrated. We accomplish this by providing designated sites for members to garden and providing demonstration gardens
- to educate the general public as to the benefits of gardening by providing workshops and training opportunities for the public
- to provide those in need with healthy fruit, herbs and vegetables by growing food to be donated to organizations that provide food for the hungry