Sacred Grounds™ Toledo

GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Learn ways to garden for wildlife and water quality at your faith community or in your own yard from the stories of these first-year gardens.

July 22, 2021
5PM - 7:30PM

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Garden Location Map

2021 Open House Faith Community Locations

1. **Congregation B’nai Israel** - 6525 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, Ohio 43560
   - Located behind the JCC complex via the driveway to the right.
   - **COVID-19 Safety Protocols Observed**: If not vaccinated, please wear a mask.

2. **Queen of Apostles School** - 235 Courtland Ave., Toledo, OH 43609 **RR**
   - Restroom is available in the teacher’s lounge on 3rd floor at top of stairs
   - Rain Garden in action during rainstorm (50-second video) - [https://youtu.be/QEqLYmVLh4g](https://youtu.be/QEqLYmVLh4g)

3. **Redemption Baptist Church/Ironwood Community Garden** - 1304 Ironwood Ave, Toledo, OH 43605
   - **COVID-19 Safety Protocols Observed**: Each visitor should use their own discretion.

4. **The University Church** - 4747 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43615 **RR (portable restroom)**
   - **COVID-19 Safety Protocols Observed**: Please wear a mask if closer than 6ft to another person unless both vaccinated.

5. **Monroe Street United Methodist Church** - 3613 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43606 **RR**
   - **COVID-19 Safety Protocols Observed**: Monroe Street Church requests that its members and visitors practice social distancing from those not in their household or social circle and wear face coverings for added protection if not fully vaccinated.
   - Virtual tour from 2020 (14-minute video) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esFKjcqW_Fk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esFKjcqW_Fk)

*RR= Restrooms Available*
The Gardens

Congregation B’nai Israel

**Faith Community Location:** 6525 Sylvania Avenue
*(Parking Instructions: Enter at the JCC/YMCA entrance, follow signs around to the right behind the pool, tennis courts, ball field to the B’nai Israel parking lot & garden.)*

**Date of Installation:** May 2021

**Size of Native Plant Garden:** 350 SF in the shape of a shofar (a ram’s horn used as a call to prayer in some Jewish holiday services).

**Purpose(s) of Native Garden:** To provide a wildlife habitat which supports pollinators on the synagogue grounds for members to enjoy.


**Additional Garden Information**

Other Purposes and Special Features of Garden: We have included a bench in an accessible area for strollers and wheelchairs and featured lovely glass mosaic stepping stones

Additional Native Plants Included: Ninebark, Dogwood, Shrubby St. John’s Wort, Buttonbush, Redbud, Red Cedar
Faith Community Location: 235 Courtland Ave, Toledo, 43609 -- northeast corner of Courtland, and Eastern Ave, Toledo, Ohio (Parking Instructions: Park on west side of Courtland or in parking lot on east side of the school. The parking lot will be accessible from Jervis street, and possibly Eastern. However, there is major water line construction along Eastern and that street may be closed.)

Date of Installation: May 4, 2021

Size of Rain Garden: 600 SF

Drainage Area of Rain Garden: 900-1200 SF

Purpose(s) of Rain Garden: Capture rainfall from roof area in order to 1) filter pollutants to improve water quality, 2) keep water out of the stormwater system to minimize area flooding, 3) provide pollination benefits to adjacent community vegetable garden, 4) outdoor classroom.

Featured Native Plants: Riddell’s Goldenrod
Dense Blazing Star, Swamp Milkweed, Wild Bergamot, Blue Lobelia, Virginia Mountain Mint, Cardinal Flower, Ohio Spiderwort, Blue Flag Iris, Lance-leaf Coreopsis, Butterfly Milkweed

Additional Garden Information
Other Types of Gardens: Community Garden with 4 raised beds and a rain barrel

Other Purposes and Special Features of Gardens: The produce from the vegetable beds is available at any time to anyone who needs it. All of the gardens have been installed by Queen of Apostles students. The rain garden was installed by 90 Queen of Apostles 5th – 8th graders under the guidance of teacher, Gino Grivetti.

To learn more or arrange a visit, contact Hal Mann at hfmann@bex.net or (419) 874-6965.
Redemption Baptist Church/Ironwood Community Garden

Faith Community Location: 1304 Ironwood Ave, Toledo, OH 43605 (Parking Instructions: Parking is available along both sides of Ironwood (a one-way street) and in the vacant lot next to the little green church behind the garden at 1309 Crystal Street.)

Date of Installation:
- Rain Garden – May 2021
- Jamera and Percy’s Bed – Installed July 2016, Retrofitted with natives May 2021

Size of Native Plant Garden:
- Rain Garden - 150 SF
- Jamera and Percy’s Bed - 44 SF

Purpose(s) of Native Gardens: The rain garden serves as a gateway garden to the Ironwood Community Garden, supports pollinators for the JD Carter Garden, including Monarch butterflies, and helps water quality by collecting stormwater runoff from part of the sidewalk and the porch roof of the neighboring property. Jamera and Percy’s Bed of Beauty and Love now includes pollinator plants and honors two of Mr. JD Carter’s great grandchildren who both died a tragic death at a very young age. This Sacred Grounds project also included the construction and painting of two rain barrels to gather water from the roofs of the adjoining houses and the development of a solar pump for watering.

Featured Native Plants: Nodding Onion, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Purple Milkweed, Swamp Milkweed, Whorled Milkweed, Virginia Mountain Mint, Wild Bergamot, Riddell’s Goldenrod, Dense Blazing Star, Little Blue Stem, Butterfly Milkweed, Great Blue Lobelia, Black-Eyed Susan

Rain Garden Drainage Area: 105 SF of hard surface plus adjoining lawn
Redemption Baptist Church/Ironwood Community Garden continued...

Additional Garden Information

Other Types of Gardens: Community Garden with the JD Carter Garden for vegetables and many flower beds

Combined Area of Gardens: 2400 SF

Other Purposes and Special Features of Gardens: The JD Carter Garden shares a bit of the history of Mr. JD Carter and is a legacy keeper to his memory. Every item in the garden is dedicated to one of Mr. JD’s loved ones who have joined him and his wife. Mr. JD was a great man and an asset to his family as well as his neighborhood, and having the opportunity to tell his story is an honor and privilege. Thanks to Mr. JD, the lot, currently owned and offered to the community by Redemption Baptist Church, has been gardened continuously for over 60 years. The Ironwood Community Garden is a tool that provides healthy, delicious food to the families that live in the Ironwood neighborhood, teaching better eating habits to the generations growing up there. The garden was also designed to be a place of peace and tranquility where neighbors can come to relax and admire the surroundings while feeling the closeness of God. We encourage residents to volunteer by working in the garden, enjoying a sense of relaxation and accomplishment when things begin to grow.

Additional Native Plants Included: Wild Columbine has been added to the flower bed under the tree.
Faith Community Location: 4747 Hill Ave Toledo, Ohio 43615 (Parking Instructions: Parking lot in front of the church.)

Purpose of Native Garden: The University Church is a community with a conscience and envisions a faith community devoted to reaching out, finding meaning in life, improving the community, re-envisioning the church and transforming the world. Our Sacred Grounds project helps to realize this vision by
- Using native plants to provide a bridge between the garden and church.
- Providing a place of reflection surrounded by native beauty.
- Offering an educational garden for our community.

Date of Installation: September 2020
July 2021 (Second Installation)

Size of Native Plant Garden: Approximately 450 SF


Additional Garden Information
Other Types of Gardens (if applicable): Community Garden (raised beds and in ground) and CSA Gardens

Combined Area of Gardens: approximately 20,800 SF

Other Purposes and Special Features of Gardens: The TUC Community Garden is one of the ways that The University Church seeks to meet the needs of individuals and the community and to transform individuals, the church, the community and the world. It accomplishes this community care by
- Providing a pollinator habitat.
- Growing healthy organic veggies to help address food insecurity in our community.
- Providing garden plots to folks in our community at no charge.

Additional Native Plants Included: Common Milkweed
**Monroe Street United Methodist Church**

**Faith Community Location:** Monroe Street United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43606

*(Parking Instructions: Park behind the church in the large parking lot with entrances off Rosedale Ave or South Cove Blvd and Evans St. A church member waiting on the sidewalk will direct you.)*

**Purpose(s) of Rain Gardens:** A pollinator garden shaped like a giant butterfly greets visitors to our community garden and supports lots of native pollinators for the vegetable beds. Two rain gardens capture stormwater from a large area of the church’s roof and part of the sidewalk, reducing the polluted runoff reaching the Ottawa River. Both gardens provide wildlife habitat and the larger, a safe place to explore and observe it away from the street. They also reduce the lawn!

**Date of Installation:**
- Pollinator Garden – June-July 2017
- Larger Rain Garden – June to September 2018

**Size of Rain Garden:**
- Pollinator Garden - 100 SF
- Smaller Rain Garden – 330 SF
- Larger Rain Garden – 1200 SF

**Drainage Area of Rain Garden:**
- Smaller Rain Garden – 1000 SF (roof from 1 downspout)
- Larger Rain Garden – 3730 SF (roof from 3 downspouts)

**Featured Native Plants:** Wild Columbine, Ohio Spiderwort, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Foxglove Beardstongue, Sky Blue Aster, Grey-Headed Coneflower, Nodding Onion, Wild Geranium, Ironweed, Hoary Vervain, Purple Love Grass, Prairie Dropseed, New England Aster, Swamp Milkweed, Virginia and Hoary Mountain Mint, Wild Bergamot, Tall Coreopsis, Great Blue Lobelia, Cardinal Flower, Blue Vervain, Culver’s Root, Jacob’s Ladder, Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan, Stiff Goldenrod, Dense Blazing Star, Butterfly Milkweed, Blue Flag Iris, Big Blue Stem, Little Blue Stem, Switch Grass, Fox Sedge
Monroe Street United Methodist Church continued...

Additional Garden Information
Other Types of Gardens: Community Garden with perimeter and central flower beds

Combined Area of Gardens:
- Native Plant Gardens 1630 SF
- Community Garden 7485 SF with 832 SF in raised vegetable beds

Other Purposes and Special Features of Gardens: The community garden is a Toledo GROWs and MultiFaith GROWs garden in its 20th season and provides space for neighbors to grow vegetables for their families and church members to grow fresh produce for The Bridge food pantry. All gardens are used for education through Freedom School and other youth programs.

To learn more or arrange a visit, contact Marilyn DuFour at dufourm@toledo.oh.gov

Thank you for coming!

For more information on rain gardens and planting natives visit
  - www.raingardeninitiative.org
  - www.wildonesoakopenings.org
  - toledolakeerie.clearchoicescleanwater.org