

## ***Hosting a School Garden Training***

*Thank you for your interest in hosting a school garden training! The following information is meant to provide you with more details regarding training content and logistics. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact WSGI at any time!*



**Training Time-Frame & Planning:** Most trainings are two to three hours long. Full day or half day trainings can also be arranged if there is interest. It usually takes about one month to plan a training.

**Who can host a training?** Schools, organizations, and coalitions are examples of typical garden training hosts. Multiple stakeholders can also work together to plan a training. For example, a school could team up with a local Farm to School coalition or conservation club.

### **What are the goals of a school garden training?**

- Provide information and inspiration to anyone interested in starting or expanding a youth garden.
- Offer a platform for those invested in youth gardens to exchange ideas and resources.

**What happens at a school garden training?** While each training can be tailored to fit community needs, in general:

- Representative from host organization give short intro about the training and their program.
- Question brainstorm session about starting, maintaining, and sustaining a garden program. Questions to be addressed throughout training via presentation and group discussion.
- Presentation by Training and Outreach Specialist Beth Hanna.
- Garden tour.
- Hands-on garden activity, usually from the “Got Dirt?” or “Got Veggies?” garden curriculum resources.
- Each participant will receive a copy of “Got Dirt?” and “Got Veggies?”

### **Benefits of hosting a training:**

- Receive extra technical assistance for your garden or garden plans.
- Promote your school or program by advertising your training state-wide on the WSGI website.
- Inspire others by sharing your program’s aspirations and achievements at the training.
- Create the opportunity to forge new partnerships in support of your garden program.
- Boost school garden efforts and knowledge in your area and around the state.

### **Hosts Provide:**

- A location that can accommodate 10-50 people. Outdoor locations are acceptable, as long as an indoor alternative is available in the case of inclement weather.
- Access to a youth garden of some kind. This can be on site, or off site if transportation is available.
- A minimum of ten training participants with contact information.

### **WSGI Provides:**

- A school garden specialist to facilitate the training.
- Printed school garden training materials.
- Advertising and other logistical support as needed.

**If you would like to host a training:** Contact Beth Hanna.

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