

Are you ready to start a garden at your school? There are a few key points to remember to ensure a successful plan for a sustainable school garden & long-term investment in garden education. If you would like more information and/or assistance in establishing a school garden, please contact us at <u>bullockgarden@gmail.com</u>.

Teachers:

- □ First, discuss with your administrator. Administrative support means <u>EVERYTHING</u>!
- □ Gather a core team. You are stronger together.
- Establish yourself as a garden committee. Select an identifiable name.
- □ What is the goal of the garden? How will a garden be utilized to benefit the children? <u>ALWAYS</u> keep that goal as your primary focus!
- Every member of the committee has a gift. Ask members to identify personal strengths & support each other to achieve the common goal.
- □ Begin to plan. Identify a space & start small. Do not overwhelm yourselves!
- □ Set a regular meeting schedule.
- □ Plan/Build/Organize lessons that align with your curriculum.
- <u>å Students:</u>
 - □ Introduce the idea to the students & show your excitement!
 - Give them ownership! Encourage them to take part in the planning. When children are excited, their families will become excited too!
 - □ Hold a Garden Pep Rally! (Contact Learning Through Gardening)
- *Partnerships:*
 - □ <u>ASK FOR DONATIONS!</u>
 - Check online resources. Jersey Fresh Farm-to-School, Learning Through Gardening, Rutgers Extension, local Master Gardeners, The Bullock Garden Project (we're always here to help!)
 - Promote your project via social media. Information encompasses the globe!
 Social media connections are a great way to build your support network.
 Bullock Garden was built, thanks to social media.

Fundraising:

- □ Staff Jeans Days
- □ Coin Collection Jar
- T-Shirt Sales
- Sustainable Jersey Schools Small Grant
- □ Local Education Foundation Grants
- □ Local business donations
- PTO donations







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