



Our Mission

The Urban Garden Coalition (UGC or UGI) unites gardens, groups, and individuals in collaborating to build a stronger local food system. Remembering our region's heritage of neighborhood victory gardens and family farms, we draw on this collective strength to address food security challenges within our community. By promoting urban gardening in our region, UGC strengthens community networks, promotes healthy eating, encourages environmental stewardship, increases food system resilience, and empowers youth to plant the seeds of our future.

Partner Spotlight



Maring-Hunt Library Gardens

is one of the UGC's favorite partners. They are comprised of allotment garden plots, free U-Pick produce plots, several shade and educational pavilions, and an outdoor kitchen. The project was developed to address food insecurity, encourage neighborhood interaction, and provide learning opportunities for area children and adults. The Gardens were made possible through the efforts of *Muncie Public Library, Ball State University, Lowe's Community Grants, the 8twelve Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, the Thomas Park Avondale Neighborhood Association,* and many others. Growing as a community and giving back to those in need, Maring-Hunt Library Gardens are a great example of what can be done when a great idea and passionate leadership find the right partners to bring gardens to life.

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**Empowering
people to
grow together**

Who We Are

The Urban Garden Coalition offers a place for gardeners and organizations to connect, share resources, and work together toward common goals that advance urban gardens in our community. It's a relaxed group, filled with friendly gardening enthusiasts of every skill level, and all are welcome to attend our events and monthly meetings.

Formed in 2016 the Urban Garden Coalition now has over 50 dedicated members, those members have worked together to make a big impact in our community. Members have provided thousands of pounds of free produce to feed the underprivileged as well as worked to educate kids and adults alike on the importance of sustainable gardening. They have helped build drug prevention therapy gardens and worked with local youth groups in Delaware County in a variety of programs to educate future gardeners. We have also provided the space, labor, education, and resources necessary to those wanting to establish their own community gardens.

Our Goals

As we grow in numbers, we hope to grow in services offering more:

- *Support for those in need
- *Volunteer assistance
- *Community garden resources
- *Education and guidance opportunities
- *Tool sharing
- *Networking opportunities



None of this would be possible without people willing to step up to help a community in need, dedicated individuals willing to work together for a better tomorrow, and members that believe in our goals.

Join Us

UGC meets every fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. We visit our amazing local gardens, attend events, and tour member sites for our meetings! We visit locations to provide a variety of inspiration, tours, and demonstration of different community gardens and gardening techniques in the Delaware County Area.

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