

Estes Valley Community Garden EVCG 2022 Annual Report



It was an exciting year in the Garden. Volunteer teams were very active and did a great job with water monitoring, pest control and garden appearance.

Events and educational activities were relaunched and great progress was made on diversity and partnering initiatives.

The Garden plots and pollinator beds were particularly beautiful in their mid-season glory.



West pollinator bed in full bloom. Photo by Jan Pauley

- We welcomed new gardeners for 27 of the 90 plots.
- There were 20 sponsored plots: 11 individual plots for low-income gardeners, 6 for Crossroads, 3 for the Elementary School Garden Club.
- This was another very challenging year with the continuing abundance of Wyoming ground squirrels, pocket gophers and voles who love fresh veggies. We continue to search for and use more effective means of dealing with this situation.
- Due to continuing Covid-19 public health concerns, the April educational program was via Zoom. However, both the Estes Valley Library and EVICS Family Resource Center held children's story hours at the Garden. Rocky Mountain Conservancy's after-school camp visited in September for scavenger hunts (on paper!) and other fun activities to learn about gardening. We plan more in-person programs and events in 2023, but will continue to Zoom our Board meetings. Starting in 2023, we are collaborating with Estes Park Garden Club, sharing invitations to each group's programs and events – "cross-pollination", one might say!
- In July we hosted a group of 20 youth volunteers from Generate Camp/YM360, who worked 12 hours over 3 days, digging out a host of pathway weeds, painting the shed, and constructing and filling a new tall plot. They also stained and installed the new sandbox and garden path bridge in the Children's Area, both very popular with our youngest gardeners.
- We continued the Garden's annual donations of produce to Crossroads Ministry's Food Pantry. This year we didn't track the weights carefully, but estimate approximately 30 pounds of fresh veggies and herbs were donated during July through early October – including carrots, kale, radishes, lettuce, Swiss chard, summer squash, basil, parsley, cherry tomatoes, and onions.



YM360 youth hard at work. Photo by Jan Pauley

- The EVCG Board once again thanks the generous donors, plot sponsors, volunteers, and of course our wonderful gardeners, for making the Garden a success in this seventh year of operation.
- You can contact us at evcg@evcg.org, or learn more about the Garden at evcg.org.

2022 EVCG Annual Budget YTD as of 12/14/22

		Planned	Year to Date	Balance
Revenue				
	Cash Carryover from 2021	3,398.74	3,398.74	0.00
	Plot rental fees	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.00
	Sponsored Plot Donations	700.00	400.00	300.00
	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Revenue	7898.74	7598.74	300.00
Percentage Planned Revenue				
			96.2%	
Operating Expenditures				
Common Expenses	State Gov't Registration Renewal	20.00	20.00	0.00
	Insurance	1,300.00	1,268.00	32.00
	PO Box Rental	150.00	176.00	-26.00
	Website & Email Expense	275.00	254.95	20.05
	Zoom Expense	200.00	162.90	37.10
	EVRPD Rent	1.00	0.00	1.00
	US Bank Service Fee	0.00	15.00	15.00
	Total Common Expenses	1,946.00	1,896.85	64.15
Garden Operations	Drip System	250.00	240.45	9.55
	Water Expense	1,200.00	1,364.58	-164.58
	Mowing & Trimming	66.00	0.00	66.00
	Pest Control	942.00	1097.71	-155.71
	Green Waste Service	225.00	194.13	30.87
	Plot Preparation	1,125.00	1,056.10	68.90
	Miscellaneous	200.00	135.62	64.38
	Total Garden Operation Expenses	4,008.00	4,088.59	-80.59
Events & Publicity	Education Program - Gift Card	25.00	0.00	25.00
	EPES Garden Club Event	25.00	0.00	25.00
	Food & Drink for Gardener Events	100.00	14.27	85.73
	Event Misc	0.00	28.23	-28.23
		Total Events & Publicity Expense	150.00	42.50
Sub-Total Operating		6,104.00	6,027.94	76.06
Infrastructure Project Expenditures				
Garden Infrastructure	Tall plots conversion	309.00	316.50	-7.50
	Short Plot Replacement	340.00	0.00	340.00
	Green waste box roof	149.00	40.00	109.00
	Renew children's area	400.00	405.30	-5.30
	Raptor	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Shed & Bench Painting	0.00	232.34	-232.34
	Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
Sub-Total Infrastructure Projects		1,598.00	994.14	603.86
Total Expenditures		7,702.00	7,022.08	679.92
Percentage Planned Expenditures				
		98%	92%	
		Planned	Actual	
Difference Between Income and Expenditures		196.74	576.66	
Financial Ratios				
Current ratio (revenue + retained earnings/expenditures)		103%	108%	
Average cost per plot using Common & Operational Expenses only		65.43	65.77	