

# Estes Valley Community Garden EVCG 2020 Annual Report



Everyone said 2020 was a crazy year, but the veggies, herbs and flowers didn't agree. The Garden was beautiful and bountiful!



Photos: above - Jan Pauley, right - Claire Hanson

- We welcomed new gardeners for 23 of the 90 plots.
- There were 15 sponsored plots: 6 individual plots for low-income gardeners, 5 for Crossroads, 3 for the Elementary School Garden Club, and 1 for Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS).
- In September we were excited to receive an AARP Community Challenge Grant (one of only 4 awarded in Colorado!) that enabled the following upgrades and improvements:
  - ✓ Six additional plots were converted from 8" to 34" tall to bring the total high plots to 18, increasing accessibility for more gardeners.
  - ✓ The drip system was upgraded with a fourth line added to each individual plot and lines extended to all the common areas that require irrigation.
  - ✓ A new handwashing station provides a way to sanitize hands upon arrival and to clean up after gardening.
  - ✓ A green waste storage box was built that allows gardeners to bag their plot debris until we haul it to the transfer station. Gardeners no longer need to take their plot debris home for disposal.
  - ✓ Sign boxes for updated entry requirements and other news/urgent messages were added at each gate.
- We continue trapping rodents, and continue to search for and use more effective means of dealing with this ongoing challenge.
- Due to the Covid-19 public health restrictions, no educational or social programs were held this year.
- Crossroads Ministry Food Bank's harvest, totaling approximately 95 pounds, included squash, onions, tomatoes, beets, potatoes, green beans, lettuce, zucchini squash, carrots, cucumbers, and herbs. A team of volunteers tended the 5 Crossroads plots.

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 fifth year of operation.

You can contact us at [info@evcg.org](mailto:info@evcg.org), or learn more about the Garden at [evcg.org](http://evcg.org)

## EVCG 2020 Year-end Financial Report

<u>2020 Revenue</u>			<u>Planned</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Plot Rental			4,500.00		4,170.00
Donations			500.00		200.00
AARP Grant (Construction)			-		3,884.00
AARP Grant (Plot Sponsorship)			-		500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>				<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>8,254.00</b>

<u>2020 Planned Operating Expenses:</u>			<u>Planned</u>		<u>Actual</u>
<b>Common Expenses</b>	State Gov't Registration Renewal	20.00			20.00
	Insurance	1,300.00			1,270.00
	PO Box Rental	88.00			114.00
	Website & email Fees	250.00			254.95
	Water Fees (utilities)	950.00			1,068.26
			<b>2,608.00</b>		<b>2,727.21</b>
<b>AARP Grant (Construction)</b>	Wood for Tall Frames	2,260.00			2,260.00
	Hardware for Frame Construction	120.00			76.90
	Fill Material for Tall Frames	334.00			334.00
	Wood for Green Waste Shed	119.00			
	Hardware and Pavers for Waste Shed	120.00			79.16
	Aluminum Safety Signs	150.00			105.30
	Sink, Faucet & Pedal for Wash Station	315.00			46.01
	Wood for Wash Station	46.00			
	Wash Station Installation Supplies	220.00			48.01
	Irrigation Supplies	200.00			130.85
			3,884.00		<b>3,080.23</b>
<b>Construction</b>	Garden Maintenance	200.00			
	Raise 4 Beds to Tall Beds	500.00			1,027.50
	Green Waste Storage	400.00			
	Tire Rim Hose Holders	189.25			189.25
	Misc	50.00			
			<b>1,339.25</b>		<b>1,216.75</b>
<b>Garden Operations</b>	Pollinator Garden	200.00			255.33
	Drip Extension	250.00			257.12
	Compost	-			
	Fertilizer	200.00			174.07
	Pest Control	500.00			661.98
	Green Waste Removal	200.00			85.25
	Misc	100.00			210.55
			<b>1,450.00</b>		<b>1,644.30</b>
<b>Events</b>	Education Programs	350.00			400.00
	Community Outreach	65.03			65.03
			<b>415.03</b>		<b>465.03</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>9,696.28</b>	<b>9,133.52</b>