



## Estes Valley Community Garden - 2017 Report to Donors

### Building the Garden –November 2015 - June 2016

We planned to build 24 plots and a tool shed to start gardening in 2016. Our generous donors and grantors made this possible: \$8,531 in 2015; \$33,944 in 2016.

- **Water system** - Labor and equipment rental provided by our partner, Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (EVRPD), and Town of Estes Park (TOEP) Public Works. Drip irrigation system designed and installed with volunteer labor. Town water is metered; plot rental fees pay the water bills.
- **Fence** – 7 ft. above ground, 18” below ground (1/4” mesh). Installed with partly volunteer labor; fencing company cost split with our partner, EVRPD.
- **Plot frames** – 63 constructed during March through May in a barn at the Fairgrounds; installed April through May. Soil/compost mix hand-shoveled into the plot frames.
- **Tool shed** –Grant-funded; painting by Eagle Rock School staff and student volunteers.
- **Children’s Area** – “Dig in the garden” area with garden soil mix, child-size tools, play veggies to plant, storage bench for these items, and child-size picnic table.

### Year 1 - 2016 Growing Season

Started gardening in **63 raised plots**, including 5 taller plots for accessibility. Seven plots gardened by community groups, 4 of these sponsored by EVCG or by individual donors:

- **Sponsored plots** - Crossroads Ministry Food Bank (2), Estes Park Elementary School/Boys and Girls Club (2); other group plots - Families for Estes, Girl Scouts, Estes Valley Crisis Advocates; low-income sponsorships (7) by individuals and businesses.
- In 2016 we saw a demand for more plots, so local fundraising and grant applications continued.

### Spring 2017

With 22 applications on the waiting list, we hoped to expand the Garden. The 100+ mph winds on February 9 provided the opportunity to **expand 24 feet to the west** when we **replaced the west fence** that had been destroyed. Many donors stepped up, and **22 additional raised plots** were added. All labor for the Spring expansion was provided at no cost by volunteers, EVRPD, and TOEP Public Works.

### Year 2 - 2017 Growing Season

Additional funding received during 2017, \$18,500, expanded the Garden to **90 raised plots**, including 8 taller plots for accessibility, 1 roll-under plot available for seated gardening. Nine plots gardened by community groups, 5 of these sponsored by EVCG or by individual donors:

- **Sponsored plots** - Crossroads Ministry Food Bank (3), Estes Park Elementary School/Boys and Girls Club (2); other group plots - Families for Estes, Girl Scouts, Roots Community School; low-income sponsorships (10) by individuals and businesses.

### Summer 2017

Gathering Area - Built trellis-type “shade walls” with planter boxes for vines to help provide shade. Installed gravel pathways in the Gathering Area and main path areas. All volunteer labor again this year. Butterfly gardens were designed, planted and cared for by a team of volunteer gardeners.

**The EVCG Board is very grateful to all our donors, grantors, volunteers, and to our partners, Estes Valley Recreation and Park District and Town of Estes Park.**

**Financial Reports for 2016 and 2017 are posted at [evcg.org](http://evcg.org) - scroll down to bottom of home page.**

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## 2017 Financial Report

<u>Operating expenses:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>
State Gov't Registration renewals	70.00	20.00
Printing, copying, postage	500.00	183.9
E. P. Non-Profit Center Membership	50.00	50.00
Bookkeeping software	150.00	153.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,366.00
PO Box Rental	68.00	80.00
Accountant fees & tax filing	250.00	0.00
Website & email fees	250.00	212.91
Water fees (utilities)	1000.00	814.36
Manager fees	500.00	240.00
Repair & maintenance	500.00	0.00
Meeting Room Rent	0.00	0.00
General administrative	100.00	61.29
Educational events	300.00	136.97
Fundraising	700.00	350.00
Cost of goods sold - Product Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>395.44</u>
subtotal:	5,838.00	4,063.87

**Total 2017 Operating Expenditures** **4,063.87**

### Construction expenses:

Materials for plot frame maintenance	200.00	0.00
Add'l drip irrigation system	100.00	0.00
Signs and permits	35.00	3.00
Water hoses & holders	100.00	0.00
Tool Shed	60.00	60.00 *
Pathway materials & labor	3,300.00	2539.70
Gate upgrades	1,500.00	0.00
Decorative trees & flowers (replacement)	300.00	0.00
Compost, soil & fertilizer	500.00	138.28
Gathering area improvements	2,600.00	2600.00 **
Children's area improvements	1,200.00	1009.77
Weed trimmer	150.00	150.00 ***
Worm farm	200.00	0.00
10% contingency construction fund	1,025.00	104.69
subtotal:	11,270.00	6,605.44

**Un-planned Expenses due to Wind  
Damage & Subsequent Expansion**

Fence	2,245.37
Additional Plots	2,072.08
New Gate	247.33
Water System Expansion	<u>521.52</u>
subtotal:	5,086.30

**Total 2017 Construction Expenses** 11,691.74

**Expense Summary:**

2017 Expenses Estimated 01/01/17	17,108.00
Actual Total 2017 Expenses	15,755.61

**Contingency Construction Fund**

**Overages:**

- \*Tool Shed 8.05
- \*\*Gathering Area 60.60
- \*\*\*Weed Trimmer 36.04

## **2017 Revenue:**

Donations & Grants	10,733.10
Fundraiser	440.00
Product Sales	816.00
Gardener plot rentals & sponsorships	3,950.00
Insurance Payment for wind damage	<u>2,560.35</u>
Total Revenue	18,499.45

2016 Carryover funds: 11,031.52

## **Revenue Summary:**

2017 Revenues Estimated 1/01/17	15,150.00
Actual 2017 Revenues	18,499.45

<b>2017 Total Funds &amp; Revenue</b>	29,530.97
Value of In-kind 2017 donations	496.50

## **2017 BALANCE SHEET**

Income and Funds	29,530.97
Expenditures	15,755.61
Bank Balance as of 12/31/17	13,775.36
Less Board Approved Reserve	(6,000.00)
Available Funds as of 12/31/17	7,775.36



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