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A Note From the Broward County's Urban Horticulture Extension Agent..

Dear "Broward Green Bites" Readers,

We are excited to share the latest Summer Broward Green Bites newsletter sharing our new *Master Gardener Volunteer Community Impact Programs*. The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is a federal, state, and county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences and making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality. In honor of your accomplishments, we want to share how Broward County MGCVs give back to their local community.

Warm Regards,



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Upcoming Events

MGV COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARDS



- ☐ WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR VOLUNTEERISM IN BROWARD COUNTY!
- ☐ SHARE YOUR COMMUNITY PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT!

Interested to submit your programs for an award?



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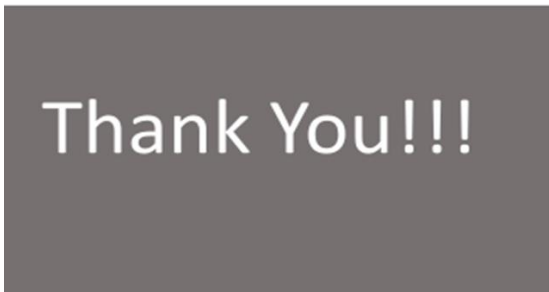


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2022 Community Impact Programs



January to March 2022 Broward County MGV Accomplishments



JANUARY TO MARCH 2022

BROWARD MGVS-TOP VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED

- ☐ Elizabeth R. (114 Hours)
- ☐ Pamela R. (104 Hours)
- ☐ Luanne B. (103 Hours)

Total: 321 Hours

BROWARD MGVS-TOP EDUCATIONAL HOURS RECORDED

- ☐ Sandra B. (47 Hours)
- ☐ Lee W. (20 Hours)
- ☐ Inger J. (19 Hours)
- ☐ Pilar L. (15 Hours)
- ☐ Jeannie S. (12 Hours)

Total: 113 Hours

BROWARD MGVS-TOP COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- ☐ Caroline S. (Deerfield Island Park)
- ☐ Rich A. (Broward County/FFL Native Orchid Project)
- ☐ Lee W. (North Lauderdale Garden demonstration)



IN HONOR OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program

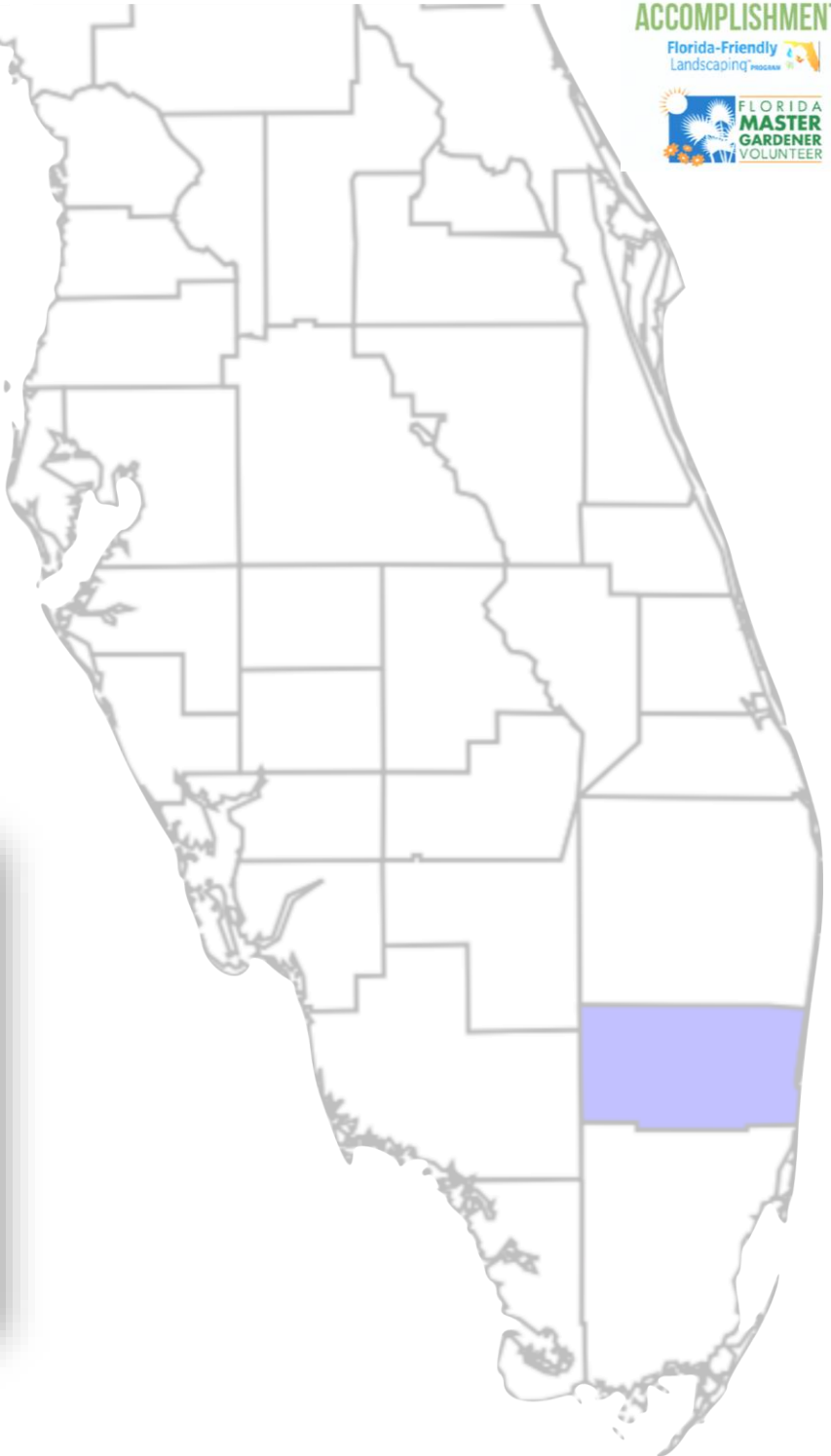
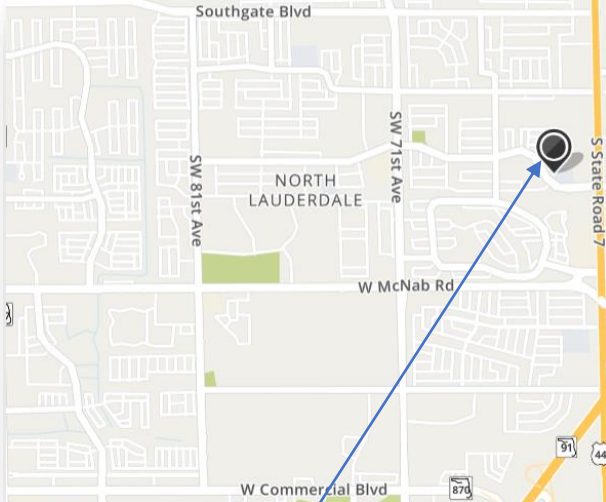


BROWARD MGVS TOP COMMUNITY PROJECTS



□ Lee W.

2022 Community Garden located in the City of North Lauderdale, Florida



North Lauderdale Garden Project

Background: On October 2, 2021, Broward County Master Gardener Volunteer (Gaitrie Lee White) collaborated tirelessly with community and congregation members to utilize empty space in the back of Calvary Chapel church in North Lauderdale, Broward County, during COVID. This city has low-income families, and it has a diverse ethnicity. This city has low-income families, and it has a diverse ethnicity. The area has a great need for a food forest, and as a Master Gardener Volunteer, I saw an opportunity to engage the community and teach them by utilizing my skills.

Project Goal: To grow food and donate to food pantries, single parents, and those with health issues in our community.

MGV Educational Garden Resources



Calvary Chapel Church Garden Space

Our newsletters are created by Master Gardener Volunteer (Gaitrie Lee White) using pictures taken from the garden and educational teachings. This newsletter benefits all members of the garden. It allows them to have materials that will be helpful, something to refer to when and if a situation arises, and they need a visual or information that pertains to the lesson. Documents from EDIS were used as educational tools for growing a successful community garden. The monthly calendar for South Florida is used as a guide for us to know when to plant and what we can plant during the growing season. Materials used in the educational portion from EDIS or State level MGVS are used to teach the members how to utilize science-based information to grow healthy food.

Program Budget: There is no actual budget for this project; it is all on volunteerism. All members donate materials for the garden.

Garden Members: We have nineteen children and seventeen adults who participated in the project. Their duties included removing sod, building garden plots, adding water resources, mulching, compost, building healthy soil, and a watering schedule. Our community garden not only impacted residents but also brought love and collaboration of church members who have the heart to serve others and meet the needs of those who are less fortunate. We look forward to starting our next season in August 2022 with our South Florida gardening guide.



North Lauderdale Garden Project



Garden Challenges. Although we have encountered challenges in South Florida with heat, rain, pests, and diseases, we look forward to our next growing season. Season one has taught us several important lessons, and we have learned from the good and bad. We are ready to go forth, and with experienced hands-on, we will survive the unknown ahead of us. Everyone is on board and looking forward to getting back in the garden and reconnecting.



We also created a pollinator garden to attract pollinators to our new garden. And we planted a few small fruit trees.



Photo Credit: MGVLW



North Lauderdale Garden Project

Impact: Our hard labor benefited members from our church who were ill and elderly residents from the community. We have an audience of varying ethnicities, cultures, and ages. Seeing relationships formed and families connected in a brief period was a positive outcome for the community. This garden brought residents and church members together as a community, and friendships formed. Families learned to work in the garden, connect to nature with the skills, and experience I brought to them. Those who have yard space are now interested in growing their food. Participants who do not have the convenience of increasing their food find this garden an escape to learn and contribute their time.





BROWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY PROJECT IMPACTS

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- *Background & Location*
- *Project Goal*
- *Project Team*
- *Challenges*
- *Impact*



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