

Mineral Springs Community Garden

Mission Statement

Mineral Springs Improvement Council's mission is to assist the Town of Ellerbe and its surrounding communities. Their community garden aims to support and improve the community to support their health and overall well-being.

2024 Proposal

In their proposal, Mineral Springs planned to create a walking trail and recreation area in the garden, so as to increase community participation. In particular, they aimed to attract local elementary students and community members to the garden space. Additionally, they planned to plant peach trees, as the Town of Ellerby was once known for their peaches. Lastly, with the help of NC Cooperative Extension, Mineral Springs hoped to use the funding to put up a high tunnel to extend their growing season.

What we have accomplished!

- Currently growing: onions, strawberries, cucumbers, squash, apples, tomatoes, okra, blueberries, sweet potatoes, succulents, and plums
- Added a greenhouse to their garden
- Moved their shed and other items around the garden in preparation for the installation of the walking trail
- Placed several pots with herbs along the site of the future walking trail.
- Partnered with God's Garden to utilize their land to plant peas



Pictured are rows of Blue Hubbard squash that have grown beautifully over the past couple of months.

Future Plans

- Design and install spaces in the garden dedicated for community recreation, which will involve:
 - Installing the walking trail, which will surround the edges of the garden
 - Installing a seating area with umbrellas and picnic tables
 - Partnering with a local community member to create a space at the garden dedicated to children, which will include small planters for them to manage and a small playground area for recreation
- Plant more herbs and peach trees
- Prepare for fall crops

When asked to describe how you feel at this stage of programming:
"This is what I love... It's medicine to me"

One of many fruitful apple trees. The garden also had a successful plum harvest in May!

"My goal is to transform the garden"

Part of the grounds that will hold the future site of the walking trail around the garden

