



NOVATO COMMUNITY GARDEN VISION & MISSION

MISSION: Growing A Healthy Community, From The Ground Up: The mission of the Novato Community Garden Project is to build and support a network of community gardens that enable people from diverse backgrounds to grow food and foster community in a sustainable manner.

VISION: The vision of the NCGC is a healthy, sustainable community where people from diverse backgrounds come together to reconnect with the land, grow food for themselves and others, and cultivate a truly integrated community. A series of local community gardens provide the foundation for growing a healthy community:

- Through advocacy, we help others to envision and support a thriving network of community-based gardens accessible to people of diverse ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, parks and recreation departments, schools and colleges, and civic and faith-based groups, we work to empower people through gardening.
- Through the **www.novatocommunitygarden.org** web site to be developed. We will share information and resources, locally and globally, to foster a supportive climate for community gardening. Currently our website is: www.novatolivegood.org/communitygarden
- Through local workshops, trainings, and networking, we offer technical assistance to individuals and groups working to establish sustainable community gardens.
- Through garden-based education and outreach programs, we help the people of our Novato build self-reliance and interdependence through community gardening.
- Through support of anti-hunger initiatives, we encourage gardeners to give back to the community by sharing their garden produce, skills, knowledge, and dedication with others.
- Through collaborative projects, we envision a local food system where more people experience the rewards of gardening and become healthier through improved diets, exercise, and positive social interactions.

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