

Before Going Further Checklist

Consult each step below to make sure your garden project begins and continues successfully.

Before Going Further, Have You:

Getting Started

- Ensured that there is demonstrated interest in the project?
- Secured permission to carry out the garden program?
- Identified a core, committed advisory/planning group?
- Ensured community-based representation in this group?
- Defined roles: planning, maintenance, funding?
- Identified partners?
- Spoken with administrators?
- Looked into insurance matters?
- Looked for an adequate site?

Garden Design

- Consulted resources for ideas about the best type of garden design?
- Addressed accessibility issues for individuals with special needs?
- Considered a fully engaging activity program appropriate for all?
- Developed an inclusive garden design?

Maintenance

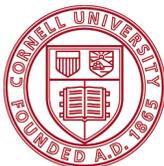
- Evaluated the need for and taken steps to organize a volunteer program?
- Developed a maintenance plan?
- Established how to utilize the garden during the summer?

Sustainability

- Welcomed interested individuals to the project?
- Taken steps to create ownership?
- Had open lines of communication and kept partners in the loop?
- Enlivened your project with a creative name?
- Developed plans for fundraising?
- Documented your efforts?
- Showed your appreciation to supporters?
- Taken time for evaluation and reflection?

Most Importantly

- Included the community (children, adults and families) in each phase of the process?**



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