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Neighborhood Community Garden Network Continues in Rochester

As community gardens multiply across the country, more folks are marking summer’s progress through the flavors of their local harvest: from baby greens after the last frost, to zucchini and tomato bounty more prolific than July’s heat. What could be better than growing your own vegetables alongside friends and neighbors, while beautifying a public space close to home?

Enter CROPS, a nonprofit network of community gardens developed by Rochester residents and the Rochester Area Foundation in the Fall of 2009. CROPS is unique in its goal to integrate urban agriculture into the fabric of Rochester’s neighborhoods, converting vacant lots or underused park space into neighborhood focal points that are walkable, social and green. CROPS is hoping to make community gardening safe and accessible to more residents than ever before. The long-term goal is to develop a community garden within a 10-minute walk of every Rochester resident by the year 2020.

Plots are already sold out at the Kutzy Park Community Garden, though plenty of space is available at the gardens in Slatterly Park, Mayo Field, Kings Run Park (Cimarron), Park Lane and 4th Street SE. Fees are $20 for each 8’x10’ plot. Interested gardeners can visit www.rochesterarea.org or call Max at 507-282-0203 to fill out an application and reserve their plot(s) today!

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