

Community Gardens as Economic Development



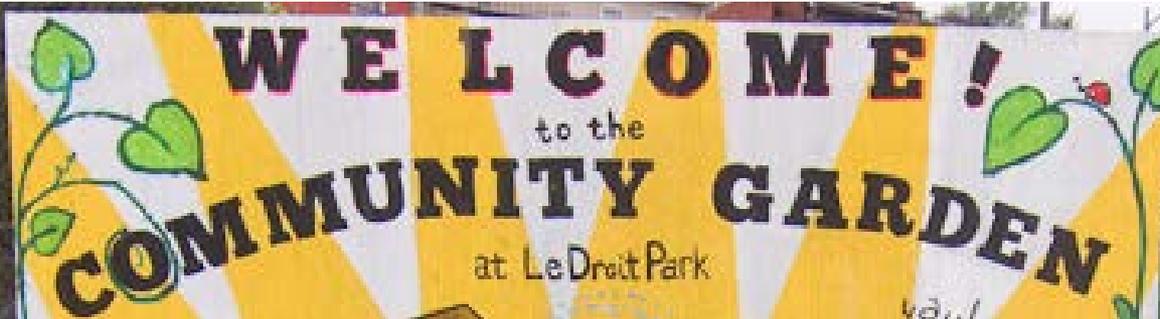
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What is a community garden?

- > Individual plots
- > Land leased, owned or borrowed
- > Organizing or management structure



Benefits of Community Gardens

Health

Sustainability

Community building

Economic development



Barriers to Community Gardens

Challenge	Solutions
Zoning ordinances	Phoenix policy guideline
No land	Existing public land; inventories; CDBG; “adopt a lot”
Costly water	Meter hookup fee; sewer fee; community garden rate
Lack of Organizing or Technical Capacity	Existing agriculture/food access organizations

IRC's New Roots Program

- > 130 growers
- > 59 Acres + family farms
- > 4 community gardens
- > Gila Farm Cooperative www.gilafarm.com



www.Rescue.org/Phoenix

Healthy Corner Store

Low-Income Food Access

Aquaponics

Microlending



Thank you.

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