



## NCEMGVA 2022 Inspire Connect Empower Project Grant Recipient

**Pitt County:** Submitted by S. Camus and A. Hamze

**Project Title:** Building a Vegetable Garden One Step at a Time

**Category:** Startup **Funding:** \$500

**Description:** We propose to build a vegetable garden in the Pitt County Arboretum and create an accompanying video and e-booklet that documents each step, from identifying a suitable patch of land to clearing that land, adding and preparing soil, watering, sowing seeds, mulching, thinning, adding plants, keeping harmful pests at bay, harvesting vegetables, and donating the produce to community groups. We will reach out to Extension Master Gardener<sup>SM</sup> Volunteers (EMGVs) and members of the public by holding public workshops at key steps so that they can help grow the vegetable garden.

Local residents who are interested in growing vegetables in their home gardens and would benefit from guidance given by master gardeners on when to plant, where to plant, what to plant, and how to plant. Local gardeners who already grow vegetables and are looking for tips from master gardeners on using integrated pest management to care for their gardens.

We expect that members of our target audience will be motivated to either continue to plant vegetable gardens at home or begin to plant them. We anticipate that the process of creating a vegetable garden will inspire people to want to become EMGVs at the Arboretum.