

Wrangle Brook Community Garden is a project sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Ocean County Congregation, in cooperation with Berkeley Township. Located on the edge of Wrangle Brook and bordered by River Terrace in Toms River and Southhampton Drive in Berkeley Township, this community garden is beginning to take form. Membership is offered to those who wish to plant vegetables for themselves and their families and/or who wish to work in the "Common Ground" section raising vegetables for distribution to food banks.

The Unitarian Universalists, whose mission is to "Embrace the Soul, Embolden the Spirit and Enrich the Community, have been working with Berkeley Township to beautify and develop 4+ acres of vacant land that had been left unattended for many years. Off road vehicles, dirt bikes and quads had been using this land, creating huge ruts dangerous to the Berkeley Township's Parks and Recreation lawn mowers who tried to keep the weeds down. Additionally some people thought this open area was a perfect place to throw their garbage, dead Christmas trees and other debris.

In preparation for planting this year, Berkeley Township Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments graded and smoothed the ruts, added top soil and planted grass seed in the large open field. Concrete barriers were placed temporarily at the entrance and a large berm was created adjacent to the railroad bed to keep out unauthorized vehicles. When the fence surrounding the planting area is erected the concrete barriers will be removed and a gate will be placed at the entrance for the members of the community garden.

Wrangle Brook Community Garden will have 3' high raised beds to enable those who are physically challenged to be able to enjoy the benefits of raising their own vegetables. The garden will be an organic one. No chemical or inorganic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers will be permitted. Members are encouraged to grow seedlings for planting from organic or heirloom/heritage seeds.

We welcome individuals, schools and organizations to become a part of this endeavor. For more information, email info@uuocc.org or call 732-244-3455

## WRANGLE BROOK Community Garden

Sponsored by
The Unitarian Universalist Ocean County Congregation

**Become a founding member** of this new and exciting venture, growing your own **fruits** and **vegetables** in a sunny, fenced field in the center of **4+ acres**.

Located between River Terrace in Toms River and Southhampton Road, Silver Ridge West in Berkeley Township

Membership Details

- Planting a 10ft x 4ft raised bed all year long
  - Have a voice in the planning and management of the garden
- Vote for the administration of the garden



\$25 per year for an individual or family

\$10 for additional plots



For more information: **Bonney Parker**, Garden Coordinator @ **732-505-3026** 

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