

The Unitarian Universalist Ocean County Congregation, in cooperation with Berkeley Township, sponsors the Wrangle Brook Community Garden. Located on the edge of the Wrangle Brook and bordered by River Terrace in Toms River and Southampton Drive in Berkeley Township, the garden was created in 2013 by members of the congregation and the greater community.

The half-acre garden is divided into three sections. One quarter acre is devoted to growing vegetables for the local food pantries. The second quarter is for individual member garden beds, and a small section, named the Darrah Memorial Garden, grows herbs and flowers. To date the garden has yielded over 10,000 pounds of fresh, organically grown vegetables which were donated to the food pantries. The Darrah Memorial garden was designated a “Monarch Butterfly Way Station” for growing milk weed, the only plant that nourishes and sustains populations of the threatened species.

Membership is offered to those who wish to plant vegetables organically for themselves and their families and/or who wish to volunteer in the “Food Pantry” section. UUOCC, whose mission is to "Embrace the Soul, Embolden the Spirit and Enrich the Community, has been working with Berkeley Township to beautify and develop the vacant land that had been left unattended for many years.

Wrangle Brook Community Garden welcomes individuals, schools and organizations to become a part of this worthy endeavor. For more information, email info@uuocc.org.