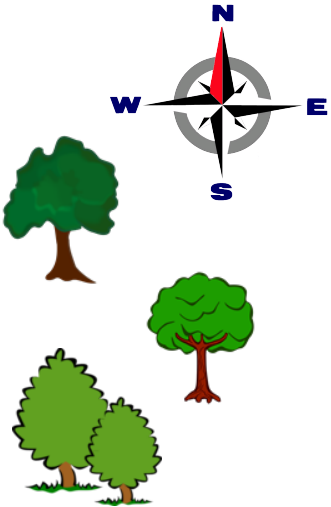


North Entrance & Parking Lot by the Shed

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Welcome to the CCS Plots to Plates Organic Gardens

Tour and Signs produced by Boy Scout Lant Jenkins in 2016 as an Eagle Scout Project. Thanks to Green Jays Communications for assistance in designing the signs. Project was funded by a grant from the Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program.



Garden Tour Station 1 - Pollinator Garden

Every time you walk into a garden to enjoy a beautiful flower or pick a fruit, you might thank a bee, butterfly or hummingbird.

These and other kinds of small animals are pollinators – they move pollen from one flower to another flower of the same species, helping plants to produce fertile seeds. You can create pollinator friendly areas at home by planting many different native flowering plants such as Purple Coneflower, Milkweed and Black-Eyed Susan, by limiting the use of pesticides, and by leaving nesting soil bees alone.

The CCS Plots to Plates Pollinator Garden was designed and planted by students in the Carmel High School Environmental Sustainability Club in 2014 and funded by the Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program. The surrounding meditation area was installed that same year by Boy Scout Nick Spencer as his Eagle Scout Project.

Garden Tour Station 2 – Stage, Teaching, & Picnic Area

This stage, teaching and picnic area is used for community events, gardening seminars and school field trips. The stage and benches were built by Girl Scout Ema Beeler in 2013 as her Gold Award Project. It was partially funded through a United Way of Central Indiana's Youth as Resources grant. The picnic tables and nearby raised garden beds for mobility impaired garden visitors were built by Boy Scout Nick Navarro in 2013 for his Eagle Scout project.

Garden Tour Station 3 – Compost Bins

Composting at home is easy. Look online for details in creating and maintaining healthy compost bins. Compost fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and tea bags, egg shells, nuts and nut shells. Do NOT compost weeds or sick plants, meat or fish scraps, dairy products, fats or oils, charcoal ashes, or animal feces.

The CCS Plots to Plates Garden Compost Bin System was built by Boy Scout Zach Beeler in 2016 as his Eagle Scout Project. It was funded through a United Way of Central Indiana's Youth as Resources grant and a Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant.



Garden Tour Station 4 – Rain Garden

A rain garden is a landscaped, shallow depression that captures, absorbs, and filters storm water runoff from roofs, driveways, roads, and large grassy areas.

Rain gardens are designed to hold water for soil and plants to trap, absorb, and filter out pollutants such as fertilizers, oil, grease, pesticides and sediment, while recharging groundwater supplies. Native flowering shrubs and perennials attract birds and butterflies and need minimal care. Rain gardens can be easily created at home in naturally low lying areas. The CCS Plots to Plates Rain Garden was designed and installed in 2013 by Boy Scout Daniel Hao as his Eagle Scout Project and was supervised and funded through the Hamilton County Soil and Water District.

Garden Tour Station 5 - Healthy Eating Mural / Nature Matching System

Internationally acclaimed artist Tattfoo Tan shares his art which addresses ecology, climate change and nutrition. His unique art making process consists of learning new forms of knowledge, practicing them, and in turn teaching others. His decade-long trilogy of projects: the Nature Matching System, S.O.S. Pledge, and New Earth have been shown widely and made into replicable manuals to inspire the public to take action. The CCS Plots to Plates Organic Gardens mural was built by Boy Scout Kyle Betelak in 2015 for his Eagle Scout Project.

Garden Tour Station 6 – Water Catchment Structure and Rain Barrels

A rain barrel system collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise run off and end up in the storm drains and into nearby creeks, rivers, and ponds. Rain barrel systems can be purchased or made from scratch.

These rain barrels and the rain catchment / shade structure were installed in 2015-2016 and funded through a grant from Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association and via donations and efforts from the Liederbach and McCord families.

Garden Tour Station 7 - Field Trip and Food Pantry Plots

Field trip plots: Each year, we welcome students from Carmel Clay Schools on field trips to our garden. They learn about soil and compost, wise watering techniques, and more through hands-on activities. Students even pull weeds and plant seeds in garden plots.

Pantry plots: At the garden, we also grow food to donate to local food pantries. Usually, students from CCS plant the seeds or seedlings in these plots. Volunteers from our plot holders and members of the community care for the plots and deliver the harvest.