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Creating A Tasty Garden

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In 2019, Henderson County Master Gardeners embarked on a new project — The Harvest Garden. This is a demonstration/education garden for fruits, vegetables, herbs, and berries. Our plan is to teach the full circle of growth, from seed starting to seed saving, and every step in between. The garden is the size of the average suburban lot, to demonstrate how much food you could grow in your own back yard.

So, what happened in 2019? We dug irrigation lines, put together raised beds, installed a grape trellising system, erected a hoop house, and concreted posts for colorful shade sails that fly over an education area. Fencing was installed, and a storage building completed. We planted vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, grapes, and berries. We are now so close to the grand opening of this edible demonstration garden; we can almost taste it!

There are just a few steps left. We plan to have a compost demonstration area and a rainwater harvesting area next to the storage building. We will use picnic tables on the education slab for versatile seating. A cutting garden will also be included, so you can learn how to grow something pretty as well as tasty.



So, we have a few more months of work to get this project off the ground, but we are very excited to be able to offer such valuable and intensive information to the public through hands-on demonstrations in addition to presentations and handouts. Look for news of our grand opening and future educational

opportunities. Then, come on out and learn how to grow enough food to fill your tummy and delight your taste buds!