

GARDENER COMMITMENTS

30+ gardeners work together planting, maintaining and harvesting. To participate in the Community Garden, each gardener commits to:



- ✓ Three hours of gardening per week on Tuesday or Saturday morning, February-October
- ✓ Garden fee plus active LNCT membership
- ✓ Sharing knowledge and skills
- ✓ Taking responsibility for specific tasks
- ✓ Practicing organic gardening principles
- ✓ Ability to:
 - lift 25 pounds
 - operate a lawnmower, gas trimmer, wheelbarrow and other tools
 - bend, stoop and reach

GARDENER BENEFITS

There is nothing quite like sharing and working in a vibrant, productive garden. As a gardener you will enjoy:

- ✓ Fresh, organic food for your table
- ✓ Outdoor exercise and fresh air
- ✓ Sharing with those in need
- ✓ Learning how to garden organically
- ✓ Camaraderie, new friends and recipes
- ✓ Dirt under your nails!

Ready to Become a Community Gardener?

Gardening season begins in February each year. We welcome new gardeners at that time as space allows.

To learn more, contact us:

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Thank You!

OUR MISSION

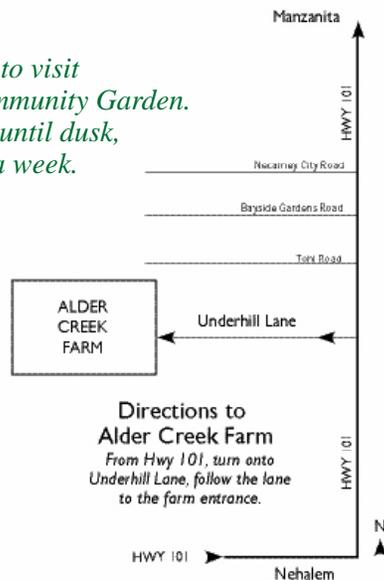
To preserve land and nurture conservation values in partnership with an engaged community in the Nehalem region of the Oregon Coast.



The LNCT Community Garden is located at 54-acre Alder Creek Farm & Natural Area, one of our protected properties.

View of Nehalem Estuary. Photo by Lynn Thomas

*Make plans to visit
LNCT's Community Garden.
Open dawn until dusk,
seven days a week.*



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A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Lower Nehalem Community Trust, a land trust founded in 2002, preserves land and restores habitat in the Nehalem region of the Oregon Coast. Join us now in saving land at

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Learning & Growing Organic Community Garden



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LNCT COMMUNITY GARDEN MISSION
Learning from each other while growing and sharing healthy, organic food based on sustainable practices tailored for our unique coastal climate.

THE HEART OF OUR GARDEN VALUES



The Community Garden at Alder Creek Farm & Natural Area. Photo by Todd Good

Lower Nehalem Community Trust's Community Garden is tucked inside 54-acre Alder Creek Farm & Natural Area saved *in perpetuity* in 2005. Alder Creek Farm is a vast, open space that is home to abundant wildlife, a sparkling creek, forest, meadow and wetlands that create a healthy environment for native species to thrive.

LNCT's Community Garden is more than a place where community gathers to raise organic fruits and vegetables for themselves and others in need. It is also an outdoor classroom where we learn to live in tune with nature and with deep reverence for this extraordinary land.

Shared Learning, Shared Work

The beginning of weekly work sessions is dedicated to teaching a seasonally relevant gardening topic. Garden members educate each other by working on projects and tasks together. The Community Garden hosts workshops on garden-related topics for both children and adults. *Right: Community gardener Gary Seelig shows off a cabbage grown using organic gardening practices. Photo by Judith Jones*



Shared Harvest

Vegetables and fruits are harvested and shared among the gardeners. We also donate produce weekly to the North County Food Bank, providing more than one ton of fresh, nutritious food annually for families in our community.



Above: Lisa Hathaway and Community Garden Coordinator Karen Matthews proudly display the weekly bounty.

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Nature and Natural Systems Sustain All Life



Healthy soil is the key to an abundant garden, and we take pride in using only organic practices to keep our soil healthy and hospitable to vital, natural soil microbes. We use composting, cover crops, crop rotation and companion planting.

Left: Our practices support native pollinator populations. Photo by Todd Good

Learning as Process & Living in Balance with Nature

The garden offers the perfect place for hands-on, experiential learning about ecological principles that foster a sense of connection with the land.

Our temperate maritime climate supports many varieties of fruits and vegetables, and we seek crop varieties that thrive in our environment. We select crops that support native pollinator populations, and we garden organically and responsibly.

Our Responsibility for Human Impact on Nature

Through garden workshops, work sessions, tours and school programs, we educate about the value of using organic gardening practices. We irrigate with water harvested in the rainy season, we tend ducks for insect control.



Ducks—our biological slug control!

LNCT's Annual May Plant Sale



Enthusiastic shoppers arrive early for best selection.

Our community garden is supported by gardeners' fees, general operating funds, grants and our annual plant sale—held on the Saturday following Mother's Day. Everyone looks forward to this event to purchase a wide variety of organic vegetable, fruit, berry, flower and herb starts grown specifically for our climate. Garden amendments and seeds saved from our garden are also sold.

Our Commercial-Grade Greenhouse

Upgraded with generous grants and donations our



greenhouse supports growing throughout the year.

Photo by Skip Moore

In addition to gardening outside, gardeners learn greenhouse practices and the important skill of plant propagation..



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