



Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Goals for the School Garden

Rank each goal in order of importance; 1 being the highest priority.

- \_\_\_ Money or supplies for your project
- \_\_\_ More people in the community to be involved
- \_\_\_ Awareness about the project/publicizing information about it
- \_\_\_ Skills or expertise
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the best thing about your school and community?

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### Garden Leader Names:

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### Best Practices for School Gardens

Strategize how you will accomplish your goals and what community assets can provide assistance. A strong community includes individuals, associations (religious, social, cultural), and institutions (parks, libraries, businesses). Use this worksheet to pinpoint the assets in your community that can help achieve your goals for the school garden.

### Create a Garden Committee

A strong garden committee can represent different parts of the school and varying talents.

Who will you recruit? How often and when is your garden committee going to meet?  
What is the best form of communication with the garden committee?

Assets to recruit:

Strategy of recruitment:

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**Resource Planning**

What tools and resources do you need? What additional funding do you need?  
What community members can provide these resources? What is the most appropriate strategy for your garden (grants, fundraising, etc)? What assets can assist with funding (besides Seed St. Louis)?

Strategy:

Asset responsible:

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**Engage Administration, Teachers, and Students**

How will you share the space between teachers - map, sign-up, assigned garden beds?  
How will you promote the garden within the school? Consider training all students and teachers in basic garden tasks (weeding, watering, etc). Ask administration to tour other school gardens with you and emphasize academic benefits for outdoor education; have a weekly sign-up for teachers to encourage participation

Strategy:

Asset responsible:

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**Summer Maintenance**

What maintenance strategies are the most feasible for your school and community? If planning to continue growing, consider recruiting and training summer help. What assets can contribute to summer maintenance and what are they responsible for?

Strategy:

Asset responsible:

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**Increase Community Awareness of the Garden**

How will you reach out to the community and families?

Strategy:

Asset responsible:

- Host a garden party
- School newsletters
- Central bulletin board in the school
- Facebook/social media posts
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**How can Seed St. Louis assist your garden?**

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