

## **Should Pelham Have a Community Garden?**

The Town of Pelham Communities in Bloom Committee, in partnership with the Pelham Horticultural Society, is currently looking for public feedback on creating a community garden.

A community garden gives residents the opportunity to rent a plot of land for the season to grow crops. The garden can include flowers, fruits, vegetables, herbs, and so on. A community garden gives residents the chance to grow their own food, share expertise, and learn from others. Also, it helps teach children about gardening, sustainability and healthy eating habits.





Examples of community gardens in other communities.

Community gardens are very successful in communities across Ontario and the world. Communities commonly report a sense of pride in growing local produce and finding ways to be healthier and more ecofriendly.

Residents are asked to complete a brief survey to voice their opinion as to whether Pelham should implement a community garden. Please take a moment to visit <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PelhamCommunityGarden">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PelhamCommunityGarden</a> to tell us what you think. The survey closes Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 4:30 pm.

Communities in Bloom is an official Committee of Council committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community participation. Annual events include the Trillium Awards, Participation Days, and the Garden Tour. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:jruddell@pelham.ca">jruddell@pelham.ca</a> or (905) 892-2607 ext. 341.

The Pelham Horticultural Society hosts local garden tours, shares gardening tips, holds annual flower and vegetable shows, and has an annual speakers' series focusing on various gardening topics. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.pelhamhortscty.com">www.pelhamhortscty.com</a>.

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