

DPU COMMUNITY GARDENS

BULLET POINTS

City of Toledo Community Garden Water Program

- In collaboration with Toledo GROWs, OSU Extension Service and the Center for Innovative Food Technology.
- Community gardens are on the rise throughout our nation, as families seek economic ways to eat more healthy foods by growing their own fruits and vegetables. Gardening in a neighborhood environment strengthens relationships among neighbors, reduces stress and enhances a sense of wellbeing.
- Food Insecurity is a growing problem in our community with 79,500 people in our city living in a food desert area. Installing gardens in these areas can help mitigate the negative effects these areas have on our residents.
- The City of Toledo wants to help water community gardens to address the growing concerns regarding food insecurity in our community. Also, citizens working with non-profit partners can promote economic development through job training and education for those interested in becoming entrepreneurs engaged in urban agriculture.
- \$40,000 will fund approximately 10 Community Gardens whose selection will prioritize those areas within are city that have been identified as food deserts.