

The 20th Street Residence Hall Garden!

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2009-2010: The Early Stages



- ❖ The 2009-2010 Residence Hall Council proposed the idea of having a garden in the fall of 2009.
- ❖ The building has a second floor patio with a lot of space.
- ❖ The concept was to be able to educate students about growing your own food by growing vegetables, fruits and herbs that could be used for student events.
- ❖ The proposal was accepted and a basic garden was set-up in the spring semester.
- ❖ Originally, it was unknown whether or not the garden would be a success and a permanent fixture in the Hall.
- ❖ The garden worked out well and the students desired a permanent installation to replace what we had been using.

Fall 2010: The Green Fund Proposal

- ❖ In the fall of 2010, Residence Hall Director Mike Corbett and students from the 20th Street Residence submitted a proposal to build a permanent garden.
- ❖ The idea was to expand upon what we had done the previous year and have this be a lasting installation for future residents.
- ❖ The proposal called for lumber to build the garden beds, soil, seeds for planting, gardening tools and a composter.
- ❖ Facilities staff would assist with the construction of the garden and students from Hall Council and the RA staff would maintain the garden.

Spring 2011: The Start of the Garden!

- ❖ The proposal was accepted and the garden was built in April, 2011!
- ❖ We kept the old planters to supplement the large garden beds.
- ❖ With the new set-up, we were able to plant more of the items we planted the previous year in addition to more variety!
- ❖ Some items we planted include:
 - Basil
 - Beets
 - Tomatoes
 - Peppers
 - Sunflowers
 - Strawberries
 - Raspberries
 - Mint
 - Aloe





The Ribbon-Cutting!

20th Street residents and New School President David Van Zandt
at the official opening of the garden!



Summer - Fall 2011

The garden thrived and produced many great fruits, vegetables and herbs for 20th Street events.

It also produced two 6-foot sunflowers!



The Future...

- The garden will remain an important part of the 20th Street community for years to come! We are still producing a lot and plans for a similar planting are in place for next year.
- 20th Street is the only residence hall with a garden and composter on location and is also home to the “Green Community,” a floor of residents interested in sustainable living!