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TITLE:

Carrboro Community Gardens Update

PURPOSE: The purpose for this agenda item is for the Council to hear an updated presentation on the community gardens. Jeanette O'Connor and Heidi Paulsen will share information about the Family Garden and the Carrboro Community Garden Coalition Garden in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Eric Allman will share information about the Baldwin Park garden.

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INFORMATION: In 2007, the Board of Aldermen approved temporary space for a community garden in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. This space was designated so that a non-profit organization and community volunteers could plant and maintain garden space collectively and independently and have some dedicated space to educate families about healthy eating and the benefit of growing your own fruits and vegetables. The town entered into an agreement with Orange County Partnership for Young Children and Carrboro Community Garden Coalition to manage, maintain and market the garden. In 2010, the Board approved a request from the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association to construct and operate a community garden at Baldwin Park and the Carrboro Parks Project could commence fundraising efforts for the garden. In 2011, the Board of Aldermen approved permanent space for the community gardens in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Today the garden is managed by the Family Gardeners and the Carrboro Community Garden Coalition. The three gardens are now under the umbrella of the Carrboro Parks Project.

The last presentation to the Town Council was in 2019. Council members requested updates be given annually.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: No fiscal and staff impact.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Town Council accept the presentation.