

# COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Warren County Conservation District and We're Reaching Out to Educate, Inc. (WROTE, Inc.), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit subsidiary of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green are excited to partner to bring a Community Garden Project. There are terraced swales lined with many hundreds of recently planted young fruit and nut trees and hold hundreds of sweet potato plants and soil-covering buckwheat. In the tilled alleys between the swales, we have planted several hundred high calorie crops like zucchini, cantaloupe, watermelon, acorn squash, vegetable spaghetti, and Blue Hubbard winter squash. Tillage won't erode the soil here because the swales catch soil using terraces on contours and tillage will be limited by sound cover-cropping techniques. With every rain, the whole system stores water passively. These alleyways between swales are also being sown with quick-growing cover crops like bush beans, borage, basil, buckwheat, and more. Wherever the swale mounds had open areas for planting, we planted hundreds of onions and garlic.

More traditional-style garden plots sit above the swales and are full of crops, and every day the residents are making harvests, planting, maintaining their crops. and providing their families with nutritious fresh food. The District was awarded a grant of \$2,500 from the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy that will be used to purchase a cooler to have on site. The cooler will aide to keep vegetables fresh in order to have a farmer's market where proceeds will go back to the garden.



Steven Anderson,



Excited helpers in the  
greenhouse.

