



# A GARDEN IN EVERY LOT



**UNI** / University of Northern Iowa.  
Center for Energy & Environmental Education

A Garden In Every Lot, a program of UNI's Center for Energy and Environmental Education, aims to renew our community's culture of backyard gardening. We help individuals and community organizations overcome barriers to starting a garden. We offer garden site assessment & preparation, tilling, seeds, plant starts, and manage the Highland Park and Central Christian Church Community Gardens!

## YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

### 52

#### New Gardens in 2024

Bringing us to a total of 193 gardens planted in 8 cities across the cedar valley since the start of our program!

### \$26,137

In produce sold to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank from Congolese Producers at the Highland Park Community Garden

### 87%

Of new gardeners surveyed said they felt more confident in growing their own food and plan to continue gardening in the future!



### COMMUNITY GARDENS

In April of this year we established the new **Central Christian Church Garden** and **doubled the size of the Highland Park Community Garden**, which equals 2 acres of turf converted to gardens! **58 households participated.**

### TOOL LIBRARY

In 2022, we helped establish a Tool Library at the Waterloo Public Library. Since then, a collection of **64** gardening tools has circulated a total of **304** times!

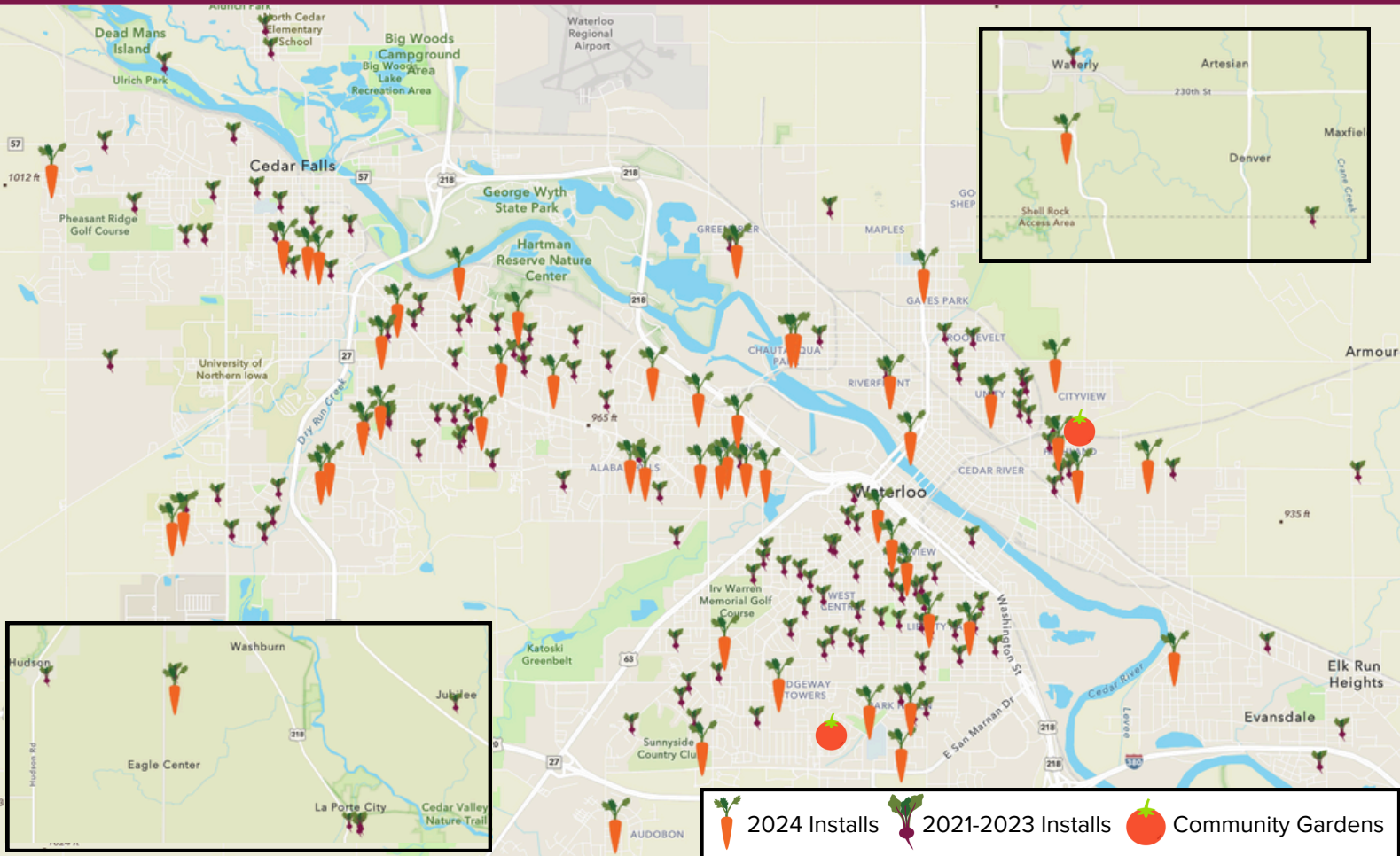
### EDUCATION

BHC Soil & Water Conservation District taught **4 workshops** and led a demonstration plot at Highland Park Community Garden. Green Iowa led a demonstration plot at Central Christian Church. Community Garden .

## RENEWING OUR REGION'S CULTURE OF BACKYARD GARDENING

A Garden in Every Lot is a garden starter service offered to residents in the Cedar Valley. We aim to help remove barriers for first time gardener, who are interested in growing their own food right in their own backyard! Our services for first time, backyard gardeners are free of charge. We help with tilling services, plant starts & seeds and access to gardening education resources. Our program also assists with establishment and maintenance of community gardens in the area!

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