## Rochester Hills Community Garden at Wabash Park



### The Big Build 2013



# Rochester Hills Community Garden 2013 Growing Roots

### 72 beds = SOLD OUT!!!

#### Services Provided

- Oakland University Organic Gardening Professor provided consultation
- Food Donation to Rochester Food Pantry
- Ongoing Consultation with garden "experts" at Dinosaur Hill







# Rochester Hills Community Garden 2013 Survey Results

#### **The Positive Power of Community Gardens**

- >86% of Gardeners Very or Somewhat Likely to return in 2014
- ➤ 57% Ate more veggies as a results of participating in the garden
- ➤ 40% Felt that their children/families ate more veggies
- >52% Got more exercise
- >57% Met new people



<u>Bottom-line!</u>
93% were Very Satisfied/Satisfied
with their Garden Experience

#### Room for Improvement

>50% felt overall plot size was too small and 75% said it was too shallow

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It was great that the fences were high and that the growing matter was perfect...

It is rewarding to reap tasty and healthy veggies.

#### **Community Garden Grows on Neighbors**

By Linda Shepard C & G Staff Writer

ROCHESTER HILLS — The city's new community garden is thriving.

"I love it," said Lisa Luke. "I've got beans, peas, tomatoes, broccoli, peppers and cucumbers."

Luke is one of dozens of gardeners who have planted flower and vegetable plots in the city's new community garden, located in Wabash Park, north of Auburn Road and west of Rochester Road.

The garden features 4-by-8-foot beds in a 100-by-90-foot area of the park, and individual beds are rented for \$30 a year. The site includes a 7 1/2-foot deer fence and water access.



Rachel Patchak and Lisa Luke weed and water the Wabash Park community garden July 12.

Always felt safe and secure.

Great teaching experience for my kids

I found peaceful calm working at the garden

Love the location! Centrally located. Great playground and easy parking

### **Rochester Hills Community Garden**

### **NEW in 2014 Season**

Big Build #2
Saturday, May 10



**GOING FAST!!!** 

75% of Plots are Reserved

Visit <u>rochesterhills.org</u> or <u>dinosaurhill.org</u> to reserve yours TODAY!!!



