

MEMO

To: City of North Port Commissioners

From: Environmental Advisory Board

It is the recommendation of this board that new developers need to held to a higher standard in terms of green space. Our opinion is that a community garden be used in conjunction with any recreation area and green space area. Having a community garden as part of the initial plans is much easier than trying to find an area around the city that can changed and utilized. A community garden is not just a place for people to grow a few vegetables, it promotes wildlife to thrive and gives residents a way to exercise and relief stress. With the help of organizations like the University of Florida, who has a community gardens division operating in Sarasota, a community garden can be aesthetically pleasing as well as being functional in conjunction with any pools, playgrounds, etc. the developer has in mind.