

## **Final Project Report from HPS 2022 Grant Recipient – COOPERATIVE GARDENS OF NARBERTH**

As described in our application for this grant, volunteers plant vegetables and herbs in 14 raised beds and also maintain a native perennial garden. We harvest the herbs and vegetables weekly and donate all of the food to the local food bank.

One of the ways that we let people in the community know about our mission and attract new volunteers is to post signs in the garden with contact information, etc. Grant money was used to help pay for some of the signage. We also purchased a “Pollinator Pathways” sign for our native perennial bed to help raise public awareness about the importance of pollinators for growing.

Our watering system was very cumbersome and difficult to access. Hoses would leak frequently and had to be repaired or replaced. We used grant money to purchase a new water line and spigot which greatly improved the water access. This new system enables volunteers of all ages and abilities to help water the garden and greatly extends the life of our hoses.

In order to substantiate the amount of food we donate weekly, we purchased a food scale so that we can begin to weigh our weekly contributions. We also used some of the grant money for the insurance that we are mandated to carry.

We are very appreciative of the support that The Hardy Plant Society provided to us for our work in the Narberth community. We will be acknowledging your support on our website. On behalf of the Cooperative Gardens of Narberth’s “Giving Garden”, a heartfelt thank you!

Spigot and Waterline \$400.00

Food Scale \$10.00

Signs \$40.00 (\$10.00 Pollinator Pathways, \$30.00 Giving Garden Sign)

Insurance \$200.00

