

**Eau Claire County**  
**Master Gardener Volunteer Program**  
**Position Description: Summer Youth Garden Program**



**WHO:** Master Gardener Volunteers, community volunteers

**WHAT:** Youth Gardens at North River Front Park and McDonough Park

**WHEN:** June-August (8 weeks); 9-10am.

**WHERE:** **North River Front Park** (Mondays & Wednesdays), **McDonough Park** (Tuesdays)

**Impact:** This program teaches youth about growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers and how to prepare fresh veggies for nutritious snacks and meals. We've had lots of impact over the years with up to 300 youth coming to both gardens! Surveys have showed a drastic increase in the willingness to eat fruits and vegetables. Youth learn how to grow food as one participant state, "Potatoes grow in the ground!"

**WHY:**

- Help teach the younger generation the importance of a healthy diet and growing your own food.
- Add a notch in the belt of any experienced gardener by sharing their knowledge
- Invaluable teaching experience for those looking to improve their resumes.
- To have fun and create a new generation of gardeners!

**Responsibilities:** Pick one or more of the following:

- Attend one or all of the weekly sessions. Each session lasts about an hour with half in the garden and the other half with WI Nutrition Educators.
- Plan youth garden activities or crafts that are about 15 minutes in length.
- Assist with watering needs on the weekends

**Supplies available:**

- craft and garden activity items provided
- seeds and plants provided

*Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by UW-Extension specialists and agents in many aspects of horticulture. In return for their training, Master Gardeners volunteer to help with UW-Extension educational programs in horticulture and a wide variety of community service projects.*