

# Cultivating Change

How the City of Champaign Township empowers transformation through  
Prosperity Gardens

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# The 2020-21 Season

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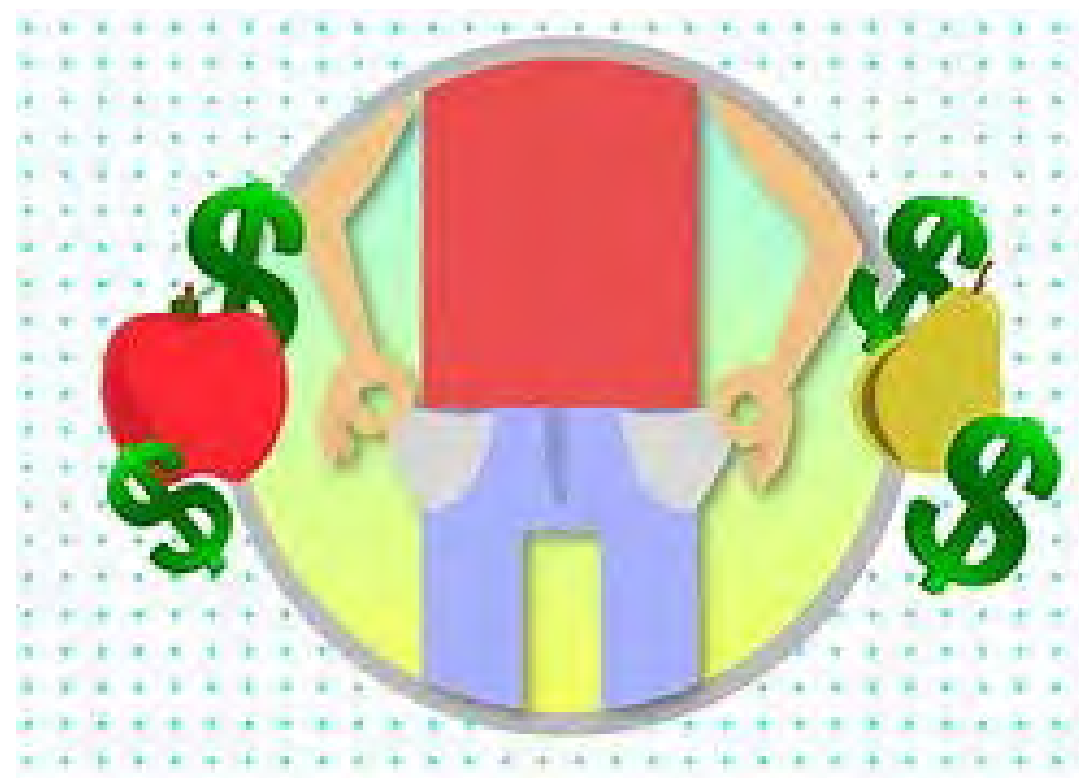
- **2,500** seeds and plants planted
- **Over \$2,000 Lbs.** of fresh, organic produce was grown, harvested and donated to the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, and the Mobile Market (Carle) and sold at the Champaign Farmers Market.
- Over **30** men and women worked on the farm over the course of the two seasons.
- We extended the program from a two-day work week to a four-day work week.
- This season, out of 9 employees, 6 of them have secured housing.

# The Neighborhood

- Converted a 50x50ft vacant city lot into an 18-raised bed garden space.
- Produce is donated to neighbors
- This green space produces over 500 lbs of fresh produce each season.
- Beautifying the vacant lot has created multiple community benefits.



# Food Insecurity in CU





WORKING TOGETHER

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## PARTNERSHIPS



Prosperity gardens veggie bus retrofit is a huge opportunity to not only market themselves but a way to organize their vegetable transportation system through design. The goal in are design was to come up with a way to optimize their bus loading process and create sufficient system of moving large amounts of produce.

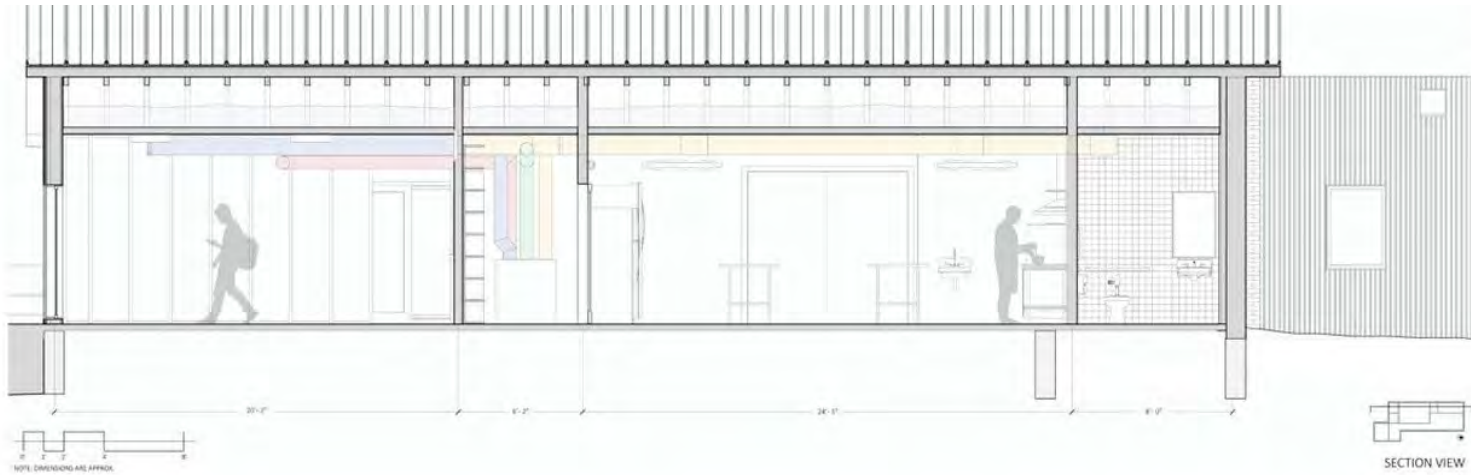


Before



After





## Prosperity Gardens - Head Quarters

Designed by students in Arch 473  
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