



## Large Vegetable Garden

This vegetable garden was established in July 2011, by Natural Resource Interns with the help of Wolf Trap's Youth Conservation Corps. Designed by Rick Hammond, this project is intended to demonstrate how to turn a lawn area into a productive and aesthetically pleasing space. Produce from the garden will be used by Ovarions Restaurant and donated to local food pantries. All plants were grown from seed purchased from a local garden center. A simple irrigation system consisting of a sprinkler connected to a garden hose waters this garden. Black compost bins are present to turn the organic waste from Ovarions into fertilizer for the garden.

To protect the garden from deer, a tall fence has been erected around the garden. No chemical pesticides or herbicides are currently used, only manual weeding. The goal of any herbicide or pesticide should not be to remove all insect or plant life. Many insects and birds are essential for pollination and the health of the plants. Having a garden, such as this one, in a public space or backyard will encourage native pollinators and provide delicious fruit and vegetables for snacks and meals!

