



NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN – Thanks to funding from the Liberty Mutual Foundation Climate Resiliency Grant Program, two raised beds were installed this September at the South West Community Center run by the Quincy Community Action Program. *Courtesy Photo*

QCAP, Holly Hill Farm Team Up To Grow 'More Good' In Community

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This work was done in partnership with Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., the nonprofit that manages Cohasset's last working farm. Community Outreach Director Jon Belber brought seedlings and seeds from the farm for planting. Jon and the volunteers worked alongside Farm Educators Grayce Rose and Janice McPhillips.

The first official harvest from the garden has been completed, featuring a bounty of leafy greens and fragrant herbs. These fresh, nutritious items were included in monthly food orders distributed to families who visit QCAP's food pantry. As the growing season transitions, the team is now preparing the garden beds for winter planting. Root vegetables and garlic are being sown, ensuring that our commitment to providing fresh produce for our community continues year-

round.

"We're thrilled to come together with Holly Hill Farm and Liberty Mutual to support our community with the tools to grow their own food," says as QCAP's Chief Executive Officer, Beth Ann Strollo. "These beds are a welcome symbol of hope—helping families build new skills, take part in their own nourishment, and learn about sustainability through connection to the land."

One of the goals of the Liberty Mutual Foundation Climate Resiliency grant is to improve access to locally grown healthy food to residents of low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. Grayce will be working with SWCC volunteers weekly to tend to the garden until the end of the season and to educate volunteers about the needs of growing plants as the seasons change. All produce grown in the garden this season will be harvested, washed, and brought into the food pantry where it will be made available to food pantry clients.

Next time you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and see the garden located at 18 Copeland St. in South West Quincy. If you would like to offer any help with the project, please reach out to Director of the South West Community Center, Ted Donnolly at (617) 471-0796 or tdonnolly@qcap.org.

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