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How to Build a Community Garden – Sample Budget

CATEGORY	ITEM	COST	NOTES
Land	Property Acquisition		Costs vary depending on neighborhood and landowner.
	Soil Testing	\$60	UMASS Amherst Soil Lab
	Site Preparation	\$350	Depends on the level of site. Backhoe rental is \$350/day.
Infrastructure	Fence	\$10,000	Varies based on type of fence (length, height, and materials used)
	Water Installation	\$6,000	Assumes that there is a lateral from a main city water line.
	Rain Barrel	\$100	
	Signage	\$150	
	Locks.	\$50	
	Keys	\$50	
	Raised Beds, 12'x5'x1', 20 raised beds	\$325 per bed/\$6,500	This includes STK cedar lumber, soil/compost mix, landscape cloth and hardware.
	Mulch	Free	Parks Department or Tree Surgeon
	Picnic Table	\$800	Recycled Plastic Lumber
Organizing	Fliers, Mailings	\$75	
	Translation	\$120	\$15/hour, 4 2 hour meetings
	Food	\$150	For meetings and workdays
	Tools	\$200	Cost may be avoided if borrowed from a gardener.
	TOTAL	\$24,605	Does not include property acquisition