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Grant Dollars Come Full Circle through Composting Partnership *Composting Guide Available on Web Site*

The Hillsborough Presbyterian Church is both the sponsor and host to the Hillsborough Community Garden. Opened in May 2013, the garden serves Hillsborough residents and neighbors interested in the outdoors, gardening, and growing fresh healthy food. The garden also serves the Hillsborough food bank by growing produce for neighbors in need in four communal plots known as "Carolyn's Share."

"In 2013, the Township was awarded a Small Capacity Building Grant in the amount of \$2,000 and a portion of that grant was dedicated to support the community garden in the form of supplies, such as garden materials, tools, benches, in addition to building materials to construct an onsite compost bin to be used in conjunction with the community garden," stated Committeewoman McCauley, Liaison to the Hillsborough Township Sustainable Steering Committee.

"We have partnered with this Community Garden to further assist their sustainable efforts by utilizing the funds to construct a compost bin for the garden's use," added Committeewoman McCauley.

The onsite compost structure eliminates the need to buy and bring off-site leaves and compost materials to fertilize the garden and therefore reduces operating costs for the garden. In addition, onsite composting allows garden waste from the Community Garden to be composted back into the garden, which then further reduces carbon footprint.

Prospective community garden members and volunteers can find out more by visiting hillsboroughcommunitygarden.org.

The Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee created “Composting Guide for Residents of Hillsborough,” a brochure to explain the benefits of composting at home for Township residents. This brochure is available at the Planning and Zoning Department or can be downloaded from the Township’s website www.hillsborough-nj.org.

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