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EASD 131 Gardens Galore!

Gardens Galore ... We are growing!

2014

VNA Salsa Garden
At EAHS**

2015

VNA Salsa Garden
becomes the Tomcat
Garden**

2016

Largest School
Garden In Illinois!

2017 - 2018

- Cowherd Pollinator Garden (IEEF)
- Five Farm to School Gardens
(Beaupre, O'Donnell, Hermes, Simmons, EAHS)

** Funded by Kane County Fit for Kids

Tomcat Salad Bowl Garden

2015-2017:

Total summer break volunteer hours: 41 hrs

Total study hall volunteer hours: 152.5 hrs

Total after school volunteer hours: 124.5 hrs

Total classroom volunteer hours: 61 hrs

Total garden volunteer hours: 379 hrs

Total unduplicated student volunteers (Summer/Study hall/Afterschool/Fall classrooms): 190 students

Varieties of Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs: 38 varieties

Total lbs produced: 897 lbs



Tomcat Garden's Goals 2015-2017

Goal 1 - Extend gardening all year with classroom tower Gardens

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Goal 2- Involve more community volunteers

- ▶ U of IL Extension Master Gardeners
- ▶ NIU Dietetics students
- ▶ Aurora community



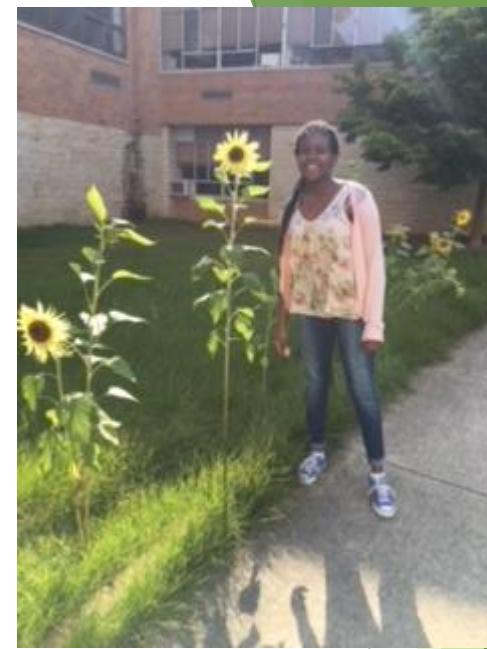
Goal 3

- ▶ Transition ownership of the Tomcat Garden from VNA to East Aurora High School
- ▶ Summer School classes: PE, Health, Biology, SPED
- ▶ 100+ students involved summer 2017
- ▶ Network with classrooms during Fall 2017 harvest to gain partners for next season



Outdoor
classroom
opportunities
for Biology
students

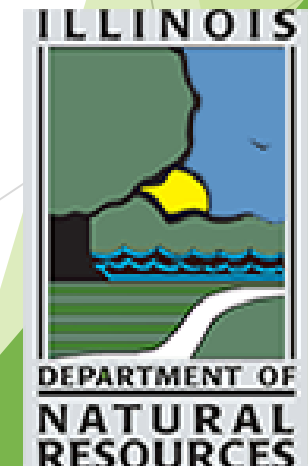




Tomcat Garden - East Aurora High School
Summer 2017

Expanding our gardens..

- ▶ 2017 - USDA Farm to School District - Only School District in the State of Illinois!
- ▶ Harvest of the Month
- ▶ Nutrition Education programs
- ▶ 5 Food Gardens
- ▶ Funders:
 - USDA Farm to School Grant
 - Healthy Communities Investment Act grant
- ▶ 2017- Cowherd MS
 - ▶ ICECF Pollinator Garden (with herbs)
 - ▶ Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources





Cowherd MS - Pollinator Garden with herbs



O'Donnell - Friendship Garden (Food)



Hermes - Tower Gardens



Simmons - Friends' Garden (Food)



Beaupre - Sensory Garden (Food)