

### **Perseverance of Gardeners**

The process of establishing food gardens can be challenging and requires perseverance to overcome the obstacles.



# Roadmap to a Food Garden



Lack of coordination between different departments lead to contradicting and unclear requirements.

**Duration of Approval from the Municipality** 

Food gardeners often experience difficulties because of

delayed communication and approval processes, making

it harder to continue setting up the garden.



### **Clear Guidelines**

A clear guideline for the establishment of a food garden is helpful, for example in the form of a checklist that explains what to deliver for the permission from the municipality. However, there is no one-size-fits-all approach which should be considered when creating such guidelines.



**Lack of Effort from the Municipality** 

The reply from the municipality may be an standard no

and there is no immediate support for the gardener.

### **Priorities of the Municipality**

Food gardens are not a big topic in the municipality and other sectors or projects are often prioritised.



## Location

Find a Plot of Land Beforehand

Having a plot of land can speed up the process of getting permission for a food garden from the municipality. Also a business plan should be drafted that explains the vision and purpose of the garden.



By integrating food gardens into the local issues experienced, the implementation of food gardens may become more appealing to local governments

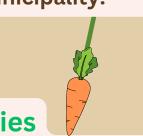


# Municipality

### the Municipality The idea of food gardens is new to

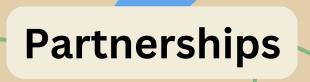
Lack of Knowledge from

the municipality and thus, there is a gap in knowledge for those that work in the municipality.



### **Active Participation**

Gardens promote a socially relationship to food and the community. By inviting volunteers to participate in the food garden, it allows for the creation of a space that the whole community can thrive in.





### **Involving Social Insurance Companies**

Social insurance companies can financially help the establishment of food gardens and as it is in their interest for food gardens provide healthy foods, thus lowering health risks.

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Food gardens don't fit into any of the land use types described in the Area Development Plan which creates an obstacle for getting a permission.



Governmental structures at a local, regional, national and global level should focus on creating policies related to food gardens that include a conceptualization of these and create room for subsidies.



### **Lack of Policies**

There is a lack of policies specific to food gardens.



**CSA Food Garden** 

### **COLOUR KEY:**

**Obstacles** 

**Recommendations for Gardeners Recommendations for Municipality** 

### **Partnership with Organisations**

Local organisations such as NGOs can help setting up initiatives, as networks and knowledge can be shared. Furthermore, by helping each outher out, partnerships and collaborations also crease a sense of community that is useful for establishing and also upholding a food garden.

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# No Financial Help from Municipality

Costs for starting a food garden can be high. For example, soil analysis can cost around 7000 euros. Financial help is hard to get if the food garden does not fit with the area development plan.

# **USEFUL WEBSITES AND INFORMATION:**

Area Development Plan

• www.ruimtelijkeplannen.nl

## Environmental and Spatial Vision Westerkwartier

https://www.omgevingsvisiewesterkwartier.nl/

### Groninger Voedseltuinen

https://groningervoedseltuinen.nl/

### Overview of Initiatives in the Province of Groningen

• www.groningerdorpen.nl

profit organisation guiding and supporting food garden initiatives in Groningen with the goal to establish a food garden in every village.

**Capacity of Volunteers and Gardeners** 

The capacity of gardeners and volunteers can be limited

if the responsibility lies on the energy of individuals.



# Community

# Community not able to Visualise the Idea

garden in their neighborhood.



