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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT KICKS OFF THE THIRD SEASON OF THE RETURN OF THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN AT SHELBY FARMS**  
*The garden season at the Shelby County Community Garden continues to welcome new and experienced growers of fruits, vegetables, and ornamentals.*

**Shelby County, TN** – Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and the Shelby County Department of Parks and Neighborhoods recently welcomed gardeners who, for a third season, have claimed plots at the Shelby County Community Garden at Shelby Farms, making this reestablished county initiative a success. The Shelby County Community Garden is located at 6265 Gardener Road and is comprised of over 400 100' x 25' free plots that were assigned to gardeners for the season.



Mayor Harris reestablished the Community Garden in 2020 as a place to give residents free space to grow food and flowers, nurture a healthy lifestyle, and enjoy one of our county's

premier green spaces. The Community Garden was recently awarded the 2021 TRPA Innovative Program Award from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association.



**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “In 2020, our reestablishment of the Community Garden at Shelby Farms came at the ideal time for our residents, during the pandemic, a time when our residents were looking for outdoor and socially distant activities. Those in our community with a green, or even a greenish thumb, continue to be wildly enthusiastic about the program and the opportunity to get outdoors and into the soil. We think our gardeners are set for another successful season.”

**Angela Hill, Shelby County Parks and Neighborhoods Administrator:** “For a third consecutive season, we are thrilled to welcome both new and returning growers to the Community Garden. While we are adjusting to our new normal, we are giving residents an opportunity to get outside

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and experience nature. Gardening has many benefits, so we are happy to provide a space for our residents to cultivate and maintain beautiful green spaces.”

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