

## Riverside Demonstration Gardens

3400 5th Ave, Moline, IL 61265

## **Growing Fresh Produce, Sharing Abundant Harvests**

The Riverside Garden Beds, open to the public and conveniently located next to the Riverside Greenhouse with ample parking, are part of a larger, picturesque setting. Surrounded by other beautiful gardens—including a Rain Garden and a pollinator garden also maintained by Illinois Extension Master Gardeners—this area offers a rich, educational experience.

Here, a dedicated group of Rock Island County Master Gardeners cultivates fresh produce, experimenting with different growing methods and introducing new vegetable varieties each year. Following sustainable practices, they enhance the soil with compost and use grass clippings as natural mulch to limit weeds and boost soil health without pesticides or chemicals. The garden yields over 1,000 pounds of fresh vegetables annually, all of which are generously donated to the Salvation Army. This impactful work is made possible through the support of the Friends of Riverside Gardens, who provide the space for Illinois Extension to grow and give back to the community.



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