1. Project Number

2. Project Name
   Campus Community Garden

3. Committee Date
   February 12, 2010

4. Requesting Department
   University Services

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7. Description

   Relocation of the Campus Community Garden to Cougar Woods.

   Project Overview

   The Campus Community Garden would be a several phase project that would grow over several years, starting with an area maintainable by current stakeholders.

   The first phase would require between 1100 to 1500 square feet of land in southwest corner of campus (Wheeler and Cullen) know as Cougar Woods. The garden would start off having four beds of produce, maintained by students as overseen by University Services’ Community Learning Agricultural Sustainability program staff. Garden tools will be stored in a
McElhinney closet space. The Garden will be watered by an irrigation system implemented by Plant Operations.

In partnership with Urban Harvest, the University has designed and will build a garden that would be expanded over time.

The location for the garden was selected because 1) it is on high ground and is relatively level which is important for water to drain away from the garden beds, 2) it is close to the water supply near Bates Hall, 3) It is not shaded by trees which provides optimum sunlight year-round and 4) the surrounding area would facilitate expanding the garden without extensive work or removal of trees.

**Background Information:**

This garden being described will be the third built since February 2009. Garden #1, dedicated February 5, 2009, was located in Lynn Eusan Park near parking lot 5B but was destroyed once construction of the Cougar Freshman Village began.

![Garden #1 – February 2009](image)

The current garden, Garden #2, is located close to the location of the first garden just further into Lynn Eusan Park. It too will have to be dismantled because 1) it’s had excessive challenges with flooding and 2) an artist has selected the garden location as the ideal spot for a piece of art that will be installed sometime in the future.
The new garden built at Cougar Woods will be the third garden to be built and dedicated to the UH community this spring semester. This garden is better coordinated and funded. The University’s partnership with Urban Harvest and the UH Horticulture Society will make this garden a great environment for learning and student/community engagement.
8. Cost of Project: $10,000 - $15,000
9. Source of Funding: Sustainability funding
10. Proposed Start Date: Mid-February
11. Requested Committee Action: Approval

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Attachments