

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GARDENS



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GreenLight Solutions provided initial research and best practices for the residents of the tiny home community to build and maintain a lush community garden for the residents.

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Challenges & Opportunities

Now that Build Us H.O.P.E. had a livable tiny home community housing homeless veterans, the GreenLight Solutions project team helped to implement a community garden on site. BUH wants to provide the new residents a way to build community, learn how to grow food, and supplement their groceries with a garden.

Recommended Solutions

Once the homes were complete, the greenlight team identified best practices for growing food in the desert and led the planning and creation of two garden beds. The goal for these garden beds was to provide food security and a sense of community for the residents. Together, we planted a community garden and created a gardening handbook for the new tiny home community members.

Project Benefits

BENEFITS TO PROJECT PARTNER

Build Us H.O.P.E. was able to fulfill their vision of a thriving community garden on site at their tiny home pilot project.

BENEFITS TO SOLUTIONEERS

The GreenLight project team learned about gardening best practices and planting schedules for the Phoenix climate. They were able to help build the beds and get the seedlings (tomatoes, herbs, & peppers) off to a great start.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The newly-housed veterans who were living in the tiny home community were able to take ownership of the garden and grow their own food. They set an example for the rest of the community by not only reducing their housing footprint, but also reducing their food miles and water footprint.