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Seed Meeting and using the Garden Planner

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Its only about 40 degrees outside and rain, gray clouds and cold winds have been a constant this early April. Yet despite the not so spring like weather, sunny smiles abound at the Palatine Opportunity Center as members of Roots Community Garden come together to plan this years garden. Thanks to a Sow it Forward Grant and their digital garden planner, members were able to easily plan this years garden so that the right vegetables are paired up and plenty of space for growing is allowed.

We are excited about being able to finally put a compost bin in the garden!!! Our bin is being built from shipping pallets by local high school seniors completing community service hours at our garden. A local big box store was nice enough to donate the shipping pallets for this projects. You can find out more about using shipping pallets to make a compost bin by visiting our pinterest page here [1] (and don't forget to follow us on pinterest [1] for more great ideas).

Plans are also in place for a Little Free Library [2]at the garden this year and perhaps in the coming years a seating area for families to sit, read and share books.

At the greenhouse, our seeds are doing quite nicely despite the cold weather (thank you Consolidated School District 15). Hopefully the weather will let up soon- frost will be long gone- and our seedlings will be able to make it to Roots. In the meantime, we continue to dream of sunny gardening days while we make more plans and care for our seedlings. Because after all, "to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" and we believe that a community garden brightens many tomorrows.

May the sun be shinning where you are at!

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