

## Hydroponic Garden

Students and staff in eight East Aurora schools enjoy the benefits of hydroponic tower gardens. These space-saving, soil-less growing systems use nutrient solutions to feed plants. Each garden can grow up to 20 plants in less than three square feet of floor space! Tower gardens also conserve water compared to traditional growing methods.



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## One of the largest school food gardens in Illinois!



**EAHS – Food Garden**

500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora, IL 60505

The partner for this garden is... Kane County Fit for Kids.

## EASD Garden Partners and Funders

USDA: Farm to School Grant and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program | Seven Generations Ahead: Illinois Harvest of the Month | University of Illinois Extension: Kane County Master Gardeners | Kiwanis Club of Aurora | Montgomery Rotary Club | Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation | Whole Kids Foundation | Illinois State Board of Education: Healthy Community Investment Grant | Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation: K-12 Pollinator Pilot Grant | Illinois Department of Natural Resources: Schoolyard Habitat Grant | Wild Ones: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant | Classic Fence, Inc. | Community Christian Church



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# School Gardens



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# Garden to Classroom

EASD 131 has five food gardens and two pollinator gardens for pre-school through high school students district-wide. Our gardens are living classrooms that teach our students about the natural environment and the food system while providing hands-on learning experiences through planting, garden tending, and harvesting. Students also learn about math, reading, art, and science through lessons integrated with gardening.



**Krug – Rotary Garden**  
240 Melrose Avenue, Aurora, IL. 60505

*Krug's garden, designed and built with the help of the Montgomery Rotary Club in the spring of 2018, promises to produce a large harvest.*

The partner for this garden is... the Montgomery Rotary Club.



**O'Donnell – Friendship Garden**  
1640 Reckinger Road, Aurora, IL. 60505

*O'Donnell's garden features a custom aluminum trellis made by EAHS welding students and an arbor built by EAHS building trades students.*

The partner for this garden is...the Boy Scout Troop 28.



**Beaupre –STEM Sensory Garden**  
954 E. Benton Street, Aurora, IL. 60505

*Principal Garcia helps children plant a fruit tree to start Beaupre's "fruit forest."*

The partner for this garden is ... the Kiwanis Club of Aurora.



**Simmons – Friends Garden**  
1130 Sheffer Road, Aurora, IL. 60505

*Simmons has two courtyard gardens.*

## Pollinator Garden

Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and beetles are crucial to the production of crops worldwide. Including seven native Illinois species listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (May 2017). EASD 131 native species gardens serve as living laboratories for EASD students to learn about pollinators while providing places for those pollinators to thrive.



**Cowherd – Pollinator Garden**  
441 N. Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, IL. 60505

*Once a barren corridor, native plants now thrive in Cowherd's pollinator garden.*



**EAHS – Pollinator Garden**  
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*Blazing Star, or liatris scariosa, blooms in East Aurora High School's pollinator garden.*