

Client: Columbia Point Community
Garden Committee and
UMass/Boston

Designer: Lelia Stokes Weinstein

Design
Completed: Spring 2005

Installation: Spring 2005

The Columbia Point Community Garden Committee is a multi-ethnic group representing residents from diverse economic situations living at Harbor Point. The project goal was to plan and design a new community garden for residents of the Harbor Point neighborhood. UMass/Boston collaborated on the project based on a HUD Community Outreach Partnership Center grant to build partnerships between the university and the urban community.

Local residents wanted to see a new growing area for community building, recreation, and food. The chosen site is bordered by a church, parking lot, and a street. The design consisted of raised beds with a border of hardy high bush blueberries which bloom in spring, bear fruit in summer, and exhibit colorful foliage in fall. The center of the garden has a covered gazebo for gardeners to get together and take a break in the shade.

Working together, the designer and community have created a beautiful garden that is easy to maintain and brings gardeners together to share ideas, crop surpluses, and good company.

