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Quick Facts

- In this pilot project, groups from the Rock Hill community as well as student organizations from Winthrop will begin planting vegetables.
- Groups plan to donate surplus vegetables to local food banks.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Rock Hill Educational Community Garden** will kick off this Saturday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m.

In this pilot project, groups from the Rock Hill community as well as student organizations from Winthrop will begin planting vegetables. Groups attending include NPHC Greek Alumni mentoring programs, B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S, Family Promise, Scout Pact & Troup 154 Flint Hill Baptist Church, and student organizations from Winthrop including S.O.A.R. (Serving Others and Reflecting), Winthrop University Honors Association, Student Dietetic Association and Student Environmental Coalition.

Eat Smart Move More York County has leveraged a grant from Klein Buendel Communities in Balance to help with start-up costs and will serve as the umbrella group for a partnership between Winthrop, the **city of Rock Hill**, **Department of Health and Environmental Control**, Master Gardeners, **Clemson Extension** and the company, **Two Men and a Truck**.

Two Men and a Truck donated space for the garden, allowing the rear of the property to be home to 13 raised beds. Groups plan to donate surplus vegetables to local food banks.

Each bed will be tended by a group in the hope of building community, providing mentoring opportunities, improving health and well being of the participants, and encouraging others to create community gardens.

For more information about starting a community garden, contact **Mike Kropp** with the city of Rock Hill at 803/325-2523.

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