



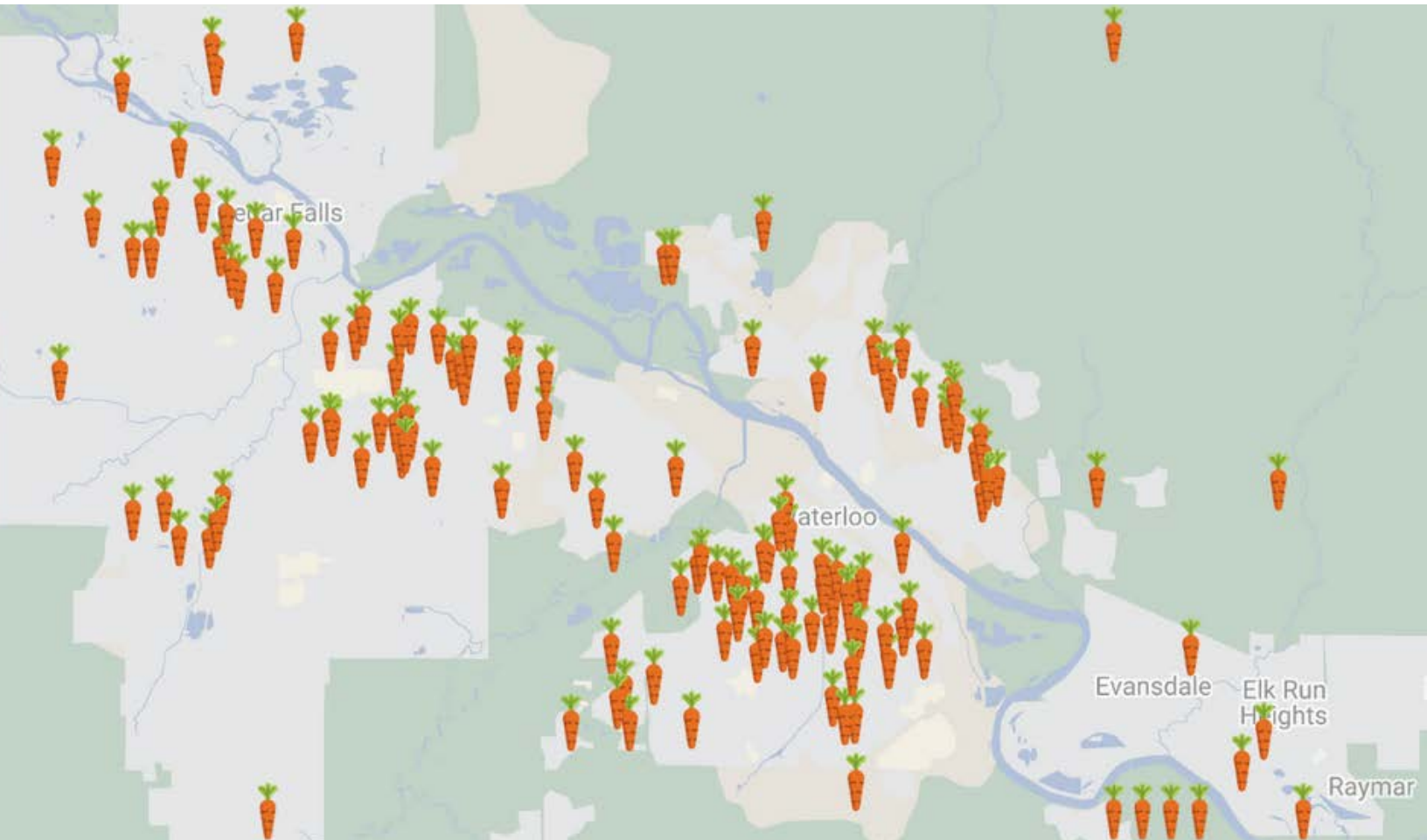
A GARDEN IN EVERY LOT



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A Garden In Every Lot, a program of UNI's Center for Energy and Environmental Education, aims to renew our community's culture of backyard gardening. We help individuals and community organizations overcome barriers to starting a garden. We offer garden site assessment & preparation, tilling, seeds, and plant starts, and more!

YEAR IN REVIEW 2023



141 GARDENS INSTALLED

With **43** gardens installed in 2023, A Garden in Every Lot has reached **141** gardeners, spanning **8** cities in Black Hawk County, including Cedar Falls, Denver, Evansdale, Hudson, Jessup, La Porte City, Waterloo, and Waverly!

WATERLOO TOOL LIBRARY

As of 2022, gardening equipment has been available for check-out at the Tool Library at the Waterloo Public Library. Since then, a collection of **64** gardening tools circulated a total of **188** times!

SURVEY RESULTS

In December of 2023, a survey was sent to past gardeners. Of those who filled it out, **89%** of first time gardeners felt more confident in growing their own veggies, and plan to continue gardening!

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“The tilling and providing of seedlings and advice was such a game changer for me getting started. Practical steps for setting up basic fencing to keep our critters was the only thing we had to do. The confidence we got from help our first year left me excited for next year.”

Sarah Burke, 2023 Gardener



“After I started my first garden, my daughter was inspired to grow her own and has been doing an amazing job. Thanks to a Garden in Every Lot I was able to share some of what I learned with her.”

Denita Gadson, 2021 Gardener



“Having my own garden has been something I've wanted to do for a few years and thanks to your program I was finally able to get mine installed this year. I learned a lot this year and am excited to see how I can improve next year.”

Crystal Rhines, 2023 Gardener



RENEWING OUR REGION'S CULTURE OF BACKYARD GARDENING

A Garden in Every Lot is a garden starter service offered in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls metro area. We wish to remove all barriers to starting a vegetable garden. Currently, our services are free of charge, but we welcome donations to support this service.

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