



The BUF Buzz

Berea Urban Farm

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2016 Community Mini-Grants

For the second year, Sustainable Berea offered “Community Mini-Grants” to people who have a project that will improve the neighborhood or the community. Grants involving education and food production receive priority. Novelis Aluminum Corporation gave \$1,000 to match the \$1,000 from Sustainable Berea, making it possible to award 5 grants this year.



Back row: (from the left) Kayla Preston, Paula Gordon, Monica Johnson, Pam Corley Slowkowski, Joshua Bills, Danielle Capillo and Abby Adams. Front row: (from the left), Tammy Peyton, and Cassie Poston.

\$500, Josh Bills and Danielle Capillo. Planting 16 dwarf fruit trees along Boone Street's public sidewalk where they are partly watered by the runoff from the sidewalk.

\$500, Cassie Poston. Turning a vacant lot into native gardens for bees and other pollinators and including educational signage.

\$500, Kayla Preston. Building community through education of permaculture gardening.

\$250, Jenny Hobson and Belinda Riddle. Berea Community School kindergarteners will create a permanent pollinator garden on the school campus.

\$250, Pamela Slowkowski and Dr. Diane Hellwig, Teaching people how to support free-roaming cats and workshops to build cat outdoor cat shelters.

Book Rescue



BUF Interns, B Griffin and Loren Weber, and Production Manager, Michelle Flannery, rescue books from the box headed to the used book store.

Thriving Produce



Growing tomatoes and peppers in straw bales is an experiment on the BUF. Community members purchase the bale and receive the produce at harvest. The 20 bales sold out in 24 hours! Each person's name is on the bale they purchased to make visitation easy.

Daikon radishes are planted in the high tunnel to help break up clay soil. Broccoli, cauliflower and tomatoes are planted in the center row where soil was improved last summer.

