

Natick Grows

Mission:

Name of Group (i.e., Natick Grows) is a volunteer group ~~of community members, educators,~~ dedicated to creating opportunities to promote and educate the community on issues pertaining to food, nutrition, wellness, sustainability, and the appreciation of natural resources. The group works to develop and/or promote:

- Multi-generational opportunities for partnerships between schools, town departments, local businesses and volunteer organizations
- School –based gardening and compost programs
- Hands-on learning opportunities within school and after school program curricula
- Representation on the district’s School Health Advisory Committee
- Incorporation of locally grown foods in school by the way of school gardens and farm to school programs
- Availability of nutritious refreshments and vending items at town venues and town and district-sponsored events (i.e., town common events, Memorial Beach, Chase Arena , Community Center, and concessions)
- Increased awareness and support to train educators and after school programming staff on food, gardening and nutrition-related issues
- Community outreach activities such as Earth Day, Trail maintenance
- Community garden programs