



An Initiative of the  
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## Community Garden Workshops

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### The featured speakers included:

**Bobby Wilson** of Atlanta wears many gardening and agriculture leadership hats. He is president of the Board of Directors of the American Community Garden Association, head of the Atlanta Urban Gardening program, and program director of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. He has been highly involved in the community garden movement and food policy arena for over 25 years. **Email:** [bobbyw@uga.edu](mailto:bobbyw@uga.edu)

**Melissa Watford**, Ed.M., is health education coordinator for FirstHealth Community Health Services, a nonprofit health system covering 15 counties in North Carolina. Melissa has worked with schools, farmers market organizers and community leaders to institute programs that encourage the production of local, homegrown fruits and vegetables. She was instrumental in securing a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant and a National Gardening Association grant to help promote wellness in seniors as well as school children. **Email:** [Mwatford@firsthealth.org](mailto:Mwatford@firsthealth.org)

**Drew Byrne**, Horticulturist and Joann Ruiz, Coordinator, Our Whole Community, a local initiative of the Interfaith Council on Community Health and Wholeness, who recently - with the help of a WPHF start-up Think~Act~Be Healthy Communities initiative grant - began a community garden located at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. The other churches involved in this effort are First United Methodist Church of Winter Park, Macedonia Missionary Baptist, and St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. **Email:** [DrewByrne@cfl.rr.com](mailto:DrewByrne@cfl.rr.com)