

CMHA RESIDENTS GROW TOGETHER

CMHA and Countryside Landscaping helped residents to design and build gardens in their community.

On June 18, 2010, a project designed by Brittany Barski, CMHA Landscape Specialist, with the help of Sharhonda Greer, CMHA Site Specialist and the residents of CMHA came to life. With additional help from Gordon Glissman of Countryside Landscaping, 10 enthusiastic residents of the Manhattan property in Cleveland were able to create a beautiful new piece of landscaping for their community.

“Three residents from Manhattan came to Crestview to hear me speak about community gardening,” said Barski, “I met with the residents again to see what they wanted and I put together a landscape plan. It had to be easy, low maintenance, drought tolerant, and beautiful. But the most important thing was that the residents wanted to help.”

The residents worked for hours prepping beds and planting flowers. Now, the landscape of Manhattan displays Viburnum and Boxwood shrubs, Echinacea plants, and dozens of annual flowers the residents planted. After the project was completed, Barski said the residents were very proud, and she is proud of them as well: “It is people like that, that make my job so rewarding. Re-vamping the exterior really makes Manhattan a home.”