A Special Thanks to:

City of Sunbury & Parks and Recreation Department

For donating their time, effort and materials for the implementation of the Sunbury Community Garden. Without their generosity this project would not have been possible.
Benefits of Community Gardens:

- Improve the quality of life for people involved with the garden
- Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates social interactions
- Encourages self-reliance
- Produces sustainable and nutritious food
- Reduces food costs for families and individuals
- Conserves resources
- Creates opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduces neighborhood crime
- Preserves green space
- Fosters economic development for communities
- Reduces city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provides opportunities for cross-cultural connections

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Very simply, a community garden is any piece of land gardened by a group of people. It can grow flowers and vegetables and often it helps foster community development. Not everyone has access to suitable land for gardening, and furthermore, not everyone who wants to garden has the time and resources to plan and care for a garden alone. The Sunbury Community Garden provides a safe, suitable garden site for Sunbury residents at an affordable price.

THE GOALS OF THE GARDEN ARE:

- Create a safe and beautiful space for community interaction and fun across all ages, cultures and incomes
- Create local sustainable food sources for Sunbury residents
- Engage and educate the public on nutrition, stewardship, and the environmental and civic benefits of gardening
- Help beautify Sunbury to attract new citizens and businesses to the area

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GARDEN

The Sunbury Community Garden was started as a joint effort between Bucknell University and the City of Sunbury. Because of the generosity of the City of Sunbury, the garden is located on a parcel of land located on the corner of N. 7th St. and Packer St. The Sunbury community garden features plots that are available for groups, families or individuals interested in gardening. One of the plots could become a garden that is maintained by volunteers and the produce could be distributed to local non-profits committed to providing hot meals and services to the Sunbury area.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We are looking for interested groups and individuals to reserve plots for the 2012 growing season. Additionally we are looking for volunteers to commit to helping sustain the garden for this season and the seasons to come. To find out more about reserving a plot and volunteering, email sunburygarden@gmail.com or contact Sunbury Parks and Recreation Department.

We are also looking for sponsors. The garden is interested in both monetary and material donations. Items we are in need of currently are a compost bin, garden tools and storage for tools, and many others.