

A still life photograph of autumn produce. In the foreground, there are several pumpkins of various sizes and colors (orange, yellow, green). To the right, a woven basket is filled with red apples. In the center, a turkey is visible, along with some pears and other fruits. The background is a warm, textured yellow and orange gradient. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Mnaamodzawin Food Security Photo Essay

2013

# Community Garden Event 2013

## Community Garden Building

With the support of Zhiibaahaasing FN chief, council, the community, and Mnaamodzawin, a decision was made about how to use ADI food security funding. The consensus was to build a community garden with the community members and they would manage it and grow vegetables for the community to use. The following is our Photo Essay of the phases and accomplishments for the community use of the funds.



# Phase 1

## How We Built the Boxes

Community members and Mnaamodzawin staff worked together in building four 8ftx8ft boxes with Manitoulin Cedar lumber (top left). We installed the landscaping material to reduce unwanted weeds (top right), added a coarse gravel base which helps with proper drainage (bottom left), and then finally, spread topsoil mixed with organic compost to ensure optimal soil conditions to have good production of multiple vegetables (bottom right).



# Phase 2

## The Planting

Community members supplied ideas of the types of vegetables they would like to grow in the garden. Seeds and starter plants were purchased and planted by community members.



# Phase 3

## The Growing and Care

Community members cared for the gardens, weeding and watering it as the growing season advanced. The fence around the boxes is to protect the vegetables from another creature species the “deer”!



# Phase 4

## The Harvesting

Harvesting was done by community members young and old. The harvested vegetables were picked and eaten by all.



# Fruits of the Harvest

A large crop of different coloured zucchinis was harvested and distributed throughout the community.



# Phase 5

## Cooking and Enjoying the Harvest

A community cooking session was coordinated to promote use of the vegetables from the garden. With the large crop of zucchinis many dishes were created for the community to try and recipe copies were provided with all of them.





# Phase 6

## Preserve-Making Day

From the planting, harvesting and cooking, community members gathered and did some preserves from the harvested vegetables for future use with their families



# Final Products

The community, young and old, participated in the canning of the vegetables and they show off some of their achievements here.





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