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### **Heritage Woods Community Garden Established**

ROCK FALLS, IL – Blackhawk Hills would like to announce that a community garden has been created at Heritage Woods on Oak Grove Avenue in Sterling. The Heritage Woods Community Garden was established to provide garden space for those who do not have suitable space of their own and wish to grow produce.

Ten 8' by 8' plots have been established and are available for rent by any resident in the Sauk Valley area. The Heritage Woods Community Garden will be organic as the use of pesticides is prohibited. Volunteers are needed to help maintain two plots that will be used for local food pantries.

For more information or to reserve a plot, please call Nikki Keltner at the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or contact Blackhawk Hills at 815-625-3854 or info@blackhawkhills.com.

### **About Blackhawk Hills RC&D**

Blackhawk Hills RC&D is a not-for-profit corporation based in Rock Falls, IL, that serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties in northwest Illinois. Blackhawk Hills RC&D's services include community planning, development assistance, natural resources conservation and protection support, and grant writing and administration. Blackhawk Hills RC&D is sponsored by local county boards and Soil and Water Conservation Districts and is overseen by an 18-member council, consisting of three representatives from each of the six counties.

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