Tomato Fence Demonstration Project
Urban Garden Youth Employment 2010

The Tomato Fence Demonstration project is conceived as an edible gift to the community. Situated at St. Olaf Community Campus in North Minneapolis, this project involves growing cherry tomato plants along a wrought iron fence. As they grow, they will be pruned and tied to the fence, transforming the fence into a wall of fresh, pick your own tomatoes. This project is being managed by the UGYE program assistant. This project provides an opportunity for a young person to lead a community gardening demonstration project.

Learning Goals

- Learn and practice the horticultural techniques for the project.
- Document the project using photographs and words.
- Communicate with interested community members about the project.
- Evaluation and problem solving as needed.

Community Benefit

In addition to being a valuable learning opportunity for a young person, this project is meant to benefit the community by creating interest in eating and growing fresh produce. The tomato fence is projected to yield 20-30 pounds of ripe cherry tomatoes throughout the growing season; providing a healthy, delicious, convenient snack for residents and passersby.