**Time to Dig In!**

an Online Outline

### I. Introductory Paragraph

A. Begin with an attention getter, such as a story that paints a vivid picture of the problem, startling fact or statistic, or quote.

*Imagine being able to load up your pickup truck and deliver hundreds of pounds of food to the Wesley House food pantry or having enough produce to share with families in your neighborhood.*

B.Give an example that bridges the attention getter to the thesis statement.

*Last summer, one local community gardener was able to do just that, but she said one of the best things about the experience was the number of new friends that she made. (Stoneberger interview)*

- End the Intro paragraph with your thesis statement:

C.Though some cities might consider the requirements of urban gardens too expensive and a waste of valuable commercial space, cities should encourage community gardening endeavors due to its many benefits:

abundant healthy food,

improved health of citizens,

increased community pride.

### II. Body Paragraph #1 Opposing Argument from your thesis Cities might find the requirements of community gardens prohibitive. Controlling purpose:

### A. Example 1: Why waste good commercial property?

B. Another Example: Who is going to pay for the seed, tools, etc.?

**III. Body Paragraph # 2 First supporting argument:**

Cities should be encourage community gardening endeavors due the its many benefits: abundant healthy food,

A. Organic food is better for you. (Sources: Smith, Jones, Baker)

B. Graphic of toxins found in supermarket vegetables. ( Hardesty)

**IV. Body Paragraph #3 Second supporting argument**

Improved health of citizens

A. Community gardeners lost a total of 325 pounds. (Madison)

B. Retired couple claims their blood pressure improved after a summer

of gardening. (Lakin)

### V. Body Paragraph #4 Third supporting argument

Increased Community Pride

1. Since the garden was on a main street through town, lots of passersby were able to see it and commented on how beautiful the garden was. ( Stoneberger interview)
2. Nearby town councils visit Hawthorne City to check out the community garden. (newspaper article)
3. Garden season ends with a huge garden party and feast (story/photo, Morning Sun)

**VI. Concluding Paragraph**

A. Although some cities believe that it is just too much trouble to start community gardens, that the time, space, and expense would be too much, the overall, long-term benefits obviously outweigh the negatives.

1.- Now you will return to your opening attention-getter from the introduction

-2.Then end your essay with a prediction of what will happen if you argument is fulfilled.