Our Whole Community Garden at DePugh Nursing Center
Community Garden, 0.35 acres
Winter Park
Walk Score: 80
Pedestrian Audit: 81

On West Welbourne Avenue, between South Pennsylvania Avenue and South Virginia Avenue, sits one of the two community gardens managed by Our Whole Community, a non-profit organization focusing on initiatives to improve community health by advocating lifestyle changes. The funding came from a grant by the Winter Park Health Foundation, which provided over $150,000 for gardens in Winter Park, Orlando, Maitland and Eatonville. Our Whole Community group also maintains a community garden at Winter Park Presbyterian Church on Lakemont Avenue.

Both gardens are available via a membership with the organization. Their website invites potential gardeners from Winter Park, Eatonville, Maitland and other nearby communities to join. They charge a reasonable $15 fee for 6 months. The planting seasons are January through June and July through December.

Community gardens provide a similar form of community service as other civic locales, such as parks. Much like parks, gardens allow members of a community to congregate in one place and interact with each other. They also provide an opportunity to exercise. They also provide residents the opportunities to learn new skills and grow their own produce.

The attractiveness of the above ideas are evident at the DePugh garden. None of the beds lie dormant; instead they are filled with a variety of plant life. The diversity of the gardeners’ choices is particularly noticeable. Most of the beds
contain a mixture of produce and ornamental plants. It is quite clear that this area is well used and appreciated.

The DePugh Community garden has a walk score of 80, meaning it is not only highly walkable, but actually does better than average for the Winter Park area.