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## Master Gardeners named Mayor's Green Partner

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CROSSVILLE — Mayor J.H. Graham recognized the Cumberland County Master Gardeners as the Mayor's Green Partner during the February city council meeting.

In cooperation with the UT Extension service, the Master Gardeners promote residential landscaping and gardening through education, assistance and community service projects in Cumberland County.

The Master Gardeners, which began in our county in 1998, promote residential gardening through training, a gardening hotline, a gardening almanac, and newspaper articles. Its Spring Flower and Garden Show, held at the Community Complex, attracts thousands of residents who meet and talk with the many vendors about gardening. Its Fall Gardeners' Festival at the UT Plateau Experiment Station offers a wide range of gardening workshops and garden tours.

The community has benefited from Master Gardeners many community services projects. Its volunteers participate in the Arbor Day Tree Distribution, the Mayor's Sustainability Fair, and the Roane State community garden. CCMGA members assisted the community with 20 Cumberland County beautification projects including the library, welcome signs, chamber of commerce building, war museum, depot, and the United Fund Building. CCMGA members assisted the Obed Watershed Community Association with two rain garden projects in 2011: the 4-H camp project and also the Centennial Park. "The Master Gardeners is a community leader in greening our community," said Mayor J.H. Graham. "It deepens the gardening roots in our community through its community enhancement projects and its many educational outreach efforts. The City of Crossville thanks the Cumberland County Master Gardeners for being such a good neighbor, its commitment to community sustainability, and for its efforts to make our community blossom."

To learn more about the Mayor's Green Partner program, contact Valerie Hale, assistant city clerk, at 787-1684. Anyone wanting more information about the Master Gardeners' classes or programs can contact Greg Upchurch, the county Extension agent, at the Extension Office at 484-6743.