



**Bill Dawson**

**Program Coordinator, Growing to Green Community Gardening program for the Franklin Park Conservatory**

**Has worked at the Conservatory for over 12 years. Has been coordinating the Growing to Green program since 2002. Maintains two onsite gardens at Franklin Park Conservatory while being a resource for over sixty garden projects throughout the city of Columbus. The onsite gardens consist of a 19-plot community garden where garden plots are rented to community members and the other is a 1/4 acre Demonstration Garden. The Demonstration Garden has several themed areas within where training, classes, workshops and accessible gardening are taught.**

**Many guest appearances on Television, radio and print outlets. Writes, photographs, edits and submits a 'Community Garden of the Week' column for the Columbus Dispatch.**

**Member of;**  
**Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association**  
**American Community Gardening Association**  
**National Gardening Association**  
**AABGA**

**Committee member of;**  
**Horticultural sub -commission of the Park of Roses Foundation**  
**Education Committee of Eastland Career Center**

**Greater Columbus Foodshed Project  
And many other affiliations in the industry**

**Bill takes the time to teach others of his love of gardening and nature. He inspires people of all ages with his passion and enthusiasm for his work.**