Bowdoin College Dining Service is proud of our expanding organic garden program. Four years ago, an organic garden was planted on a plot of land generously loaned to the College at Crystal Springs Farm on Pleasant Hill Road. A second garden plot has now been established on the college lots on the southwest corner of South and Coffin Streets!

These plots are ideal for our garden expansion. They are closer to the two kitchens, allowing even greater participation from the Bowdoin College community, and improve access for the faculty and students who may use the garden as part of their studies.

Like the garden at Crystal Springs Farm, the South Street Garden is organic and follows sustainable guidelines. No chemical pesticides are applied and only rarely is mechanized equipment be employed. Our garden manager, Katherine Creswell oversees the plot, and students, dining staff employees and volunteers tend it. We plan vegetable crops that thrive in northern coastal soils as well as flowers and high bush blueberries. Soon attractive fencing will surround the plot.

We think that our organic garden at the South Street location is an attractive and productive addition to the Bowdoin campus and adjoining neighborhood. If you have questions about the garden, please contact us at the Bowdoin College Dining Office at 725-3211.