


2020 Garden Plot Application

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions regarding your potential garden plot:

(Circle the answer that applies to you)

1. Did you rent a plot in the Rochester Community Garden in 2019?

Yes No

2. Do you have any specific plot request...if so, please specify

No preference Yes _____

2. Are you currently a Rochester City resident?

Yes No

3. If No, in what City do you reside? _____

4. Why are you interested in utilizing a portion of the community garden?

Not enough room in my yard I live in apartments or condos
I want to increase social ties within the community Too many deer in my yard to garden
Other (please specify) _____

5. How many plots (4'x8') do you wish to reserve in the garden for your use? _____ (please be aware to accommodate as many people as possible, additional plots will be assigned after all initial applicants have received one plot. Every attempt will be made to provide adjoining plots for those wishing to cultivate multiple plots. Each plot is \$30 for City of Rochester residents and \$35 for non-residents).

6. Do you wish to be assigned a full-height raised bed (approximate 3 foot high) (Limited availability... These beds are intended for use by individuals in wheelchairs or for those that have difficulty bending to tend standard garden beds):

___ I REQUIRE a full-height bed in order to participate
___ I would prefer a full-height raised bed if one is available

Please read and sign the Rochester Community Garden Gardner Contract (attached) and submit with the plot rental fee (\$30 per requested plot for City of Rochester residents, \$35 per requested plot for non-Rochester residents). A refund will be provided if for any reason your request for a plot(s) is not fulfilled. Checks can be made payable to: Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and mailed to: Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve 333 North Hill Circle, Rochester, Michigan, 48307 Attn: Community Garden



By signing this contract, you certify that you have read and understand all user guidelines, policies and contract provisions; you agree with them all and you are willing to follow all provisions to the fullest extent.

In consideration of the community garden being located on City property, and my desire to utilize a portion of the community garden, I hereby release, waive and hold the City of Rochester/ Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve harmless, and forever discharge the City of Rochester/Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and its employees and agents from any liability, claim, action, cost and expense for any injury or damage sustained, which arises out of or is in any way connected to the community garden, including the success, viability or non-continuation of the same. Initial here

X _____

Applicant Name (Printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



Garden Guidelines for the 2020 Season

Things I will do for my garden plot as well as the overall success of the RCG

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A plot rental fee of \$30.00 per plot for City of Rochester residents, \$35 per plot for non-residents is due when you submit your application. Exceptions may be made for deadline and payment plans will be available for those who cannot afford to pay, in full, by the deadline.
2. I will make an effort to check my email frequently for updates, changes and announcements for the Community Garden as this will be the main means Dinosaur Hill will use to communicate with fellow gardeners.
3. **I will cultivate and plant my plot by June 5th.** If I have not begun work on my plot by that date Dinosaur Hill retains the right to assign my plot to someone else and I will not receive a refund.
4. I will visit my plot regularly. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer during the growing season. The growing season that applies to this guideline is June through October. I understand that I may use my plot before that if I want to grow early season produce.
5. If I must abandon my plot for any reason I will notify Dinosaur Hill via email and forfeit my claim to the plot. I will not receive a refund.
6. I will be a good neighbor to adjoining gardeners and I will not expand my plot beyond the boundaries of the raised bed into pathways or other gardener's plots. My plot size is 4ft by 8ft.
7. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. If my garden area becomes unsightly, including weeds that become three inches or taller, Dinosaur Hill retains the right to terminate my plot rental with no refund.
8. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
9. I will report theft, vandalism or suspicious behavior to the police immediately. I will notify Dinosaur Hill of the report. I am responsible for checking my email and/or garden notice board for any information, meetings, or changes to guidelines throughout the garden season.
10. I agree to participate in the maintenance and upkeep of the general garden area and will participate in any workdays/meetings as possible.
11. Watering is my responsibility. I will water only as much as is needed to keep my plot healthy. I will stay on site at all times during watering.
12. I understand that I am able to use natural fertilizers.

13. **Plots must be cleaned of debris and prepared for winter by November 5th.** Gardeners leaving their plots in poor condition may forfeit gardening privileges for the following year.

Things that I will NOT do that may hinder the success of the RCG

1. I will use common sense by not planting any illegal plants... Medical marijuana plants are no exception. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden.
2. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons to the garden.
3. I will not take food or plants or otherwise disturb the plots of other gardeners. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine, unless permitted by garden officials.
4. No on-site composting is allowed. The City of Rochester will provide compost during the growing season.
5. No pets are allowed within the fenced perimeter of the garden.
6. The planting of invasive species is strictly prohibited.
7. No radios or boom boxes or fires are allowed on the site.
8. The RCG is cultivated organically and as such the use of herbicides, insecticides and commercial inorganic fertilizers are prohibited.

Other Provisions

1. The garden is open from dawn until dusk.
2. **Garden Plots will be assigned on a priority scale. Returning gardeners in good standing will have first priority and every effort will be made to assign them their same plot as last year unless otherwise requested. City of Rochester residents will have priority to the remaining plots. Gardeners requesting multiple plots: we will assign as many as we can accommodate after all City of Rochester residents requesting a plot have received one. We will make every possible effort to ensure your plots are adjoining unless requested otherwise. Lastly, any remaining plots will be assigned to non-Rochester residents.**
3. Parking is only allowed in the designated lot for the garden location.
4. A violation of any of these guidelines may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.
5. Violation of gardener guidelines: if any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, this may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.
6. All guidelines are subject to change at any time. I will respect and obey the wishes of the garden officials that may or may not be in the above guidelines. I know that failure to do so will be considered a violation of the gardener guidelines and will be dealt with as such.

I hereby understand and agree to the above Garden Guidelines.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Signature of Applicant

Date