

## Fluvanna County Community Garden Agreement:

I \_\_\_\_\_ with plot(s) \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following:

### Be responsible:

- I will pay the fee per 10x15 plot, for the "plot year" of February 1, to January 31.
- I will abide by the Rules and Regulations of Pleasant Grove Park.
- I must attend at least one work party per year to qualify for renewal for the following year.
- Herbicides may be used in the walkways, fence and non-garden areas, by and at the discretion of the Community Garden Steering Committee **only**. If a gardener does not want herbicide used around their plot, that accommodation can be made upon request of the gardener but you are responsible for controlling the weeds of the area around your plot.
- I will NOT bring pets to the garden.
- Children visiting the garden with me will be under my supervision at all times.
- I am responsible for my own irrigation. I understand drip lines and soaker hoses are encouraged. I will use mulch of some type to further conserve water and reduce weeds.
- I will remove all debris by November 30<sup>th</sup> (including vegetation, weeds, old foliage) remaining from the warm weather planting.

### Be a Good Neighbor

- I will keep my plot weeded and neat.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be contacted and given one week's notice to clean it up. After that time, the Steering Committee will direct it to be re-assigned or covered.
- If I must abandon or am temporarily unable to work my plot for any reason, I will notify the Steering Committee, and/or VCE-Fluvanna Office.
- I will maintain the common areas and keep weeds to a minimum surrounding my plot.
- I will keep trash and litter cleaned from the plot, and from adjacent pathways & fences.
- I will plant crops ONLY where they will not shade or encroach on neighboring plots (Corn, Sunflowers, Etc.).
- I will not enter another member's plot without their permission.
- I will not plant my plants on or right against the edge of the neighboring plot.
- My rain barrel will be in the middle of my plot.
- I understand that smoking in the garden is not permitted. Uses of garden chemicals with noxious odors are discouraged when other gardeners are present.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- If I use fertilizers and insecticides, I will be careful to not affect the plants in neighboring plots.

### Community Outreach

- A garden member may request and may be granted 2 plots. If there is no waiting list, then three plots may be granted. The third plot will only be theirs to use for that one plot year and may be assigned subsequent years if available.
- For every 15 plots, 1 plot will be dedicated to MACAA/MOW/VCE/MG use for the greater community and/or educational purposes.
- Six plots will be reserved for the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) of the VCE office to allocate. In the event that the plots are not used, they may be offered for one year to gardeners. After that year, the plot will again be available to the FNP program. If there is no waiting list, the FNP plots may be used as third plots for that garden year.

### Legal Stuff

- I understand that neither the members of the community garden nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I, THEREFORE, AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN MEMBERS AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Governance of this garden falls to the Steering Committee, under the guidance of the Fluvanna Parks and Recreation Department and the Fluvanna County Extension Service; the Steering Committee under the guidance of the Fluvanna Parks and Recreation Department and the County Extension Service reserves the right to change/amend this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant/Gardener Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date