

# ROOSEVELT Community Garden

*Growing Healthy Food, Connecting People and Building Community.*

## GARDEN MEMBERS MANUAL

### Community Garden Purpose:

The Roosevelt Community Garden (RCG) is located at 59 E. Fulton Avenue, Roosevelt, New York 11575. The Garden was established in 2018 as a partnership project between Nassau County and North Shore Land Alliance, with funding from the Long Island Community Foundation and NYS Conservation Partnership Program. North Shore Land Alliance currently manages the garden, offering selected beds annually to interested garden members, who would like to actively participate in the experience of gardening.

The purpose of the Garden is to provide the community with a beautiful and nurturing space where individuals, families and groups can connect and grow and cultivate healthy organic food for themselves and for service to community food banks. We hope to educate and empower residents through workshops, activities and service learning projects to allow the community to learn, interact and work collaboratively.

### Contact Information:

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### General Guidelines and Information:

- Membership – Membership is open to all people regardless of race, creed, culture, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, health status, age, income, place of residence, marital status, veteran's status, physical appearance, English proficiency, handicap or sexual orientation.
- A Community Garden Member (CGM) is any individual or organization who completes the RCG application, read and agree to the guidelines and sign the waiver and release of liability. CGM's may designate one or more secondary gardener(s) to monitor and maintain the plot when he/she is not able to do so. We ask that one individual serve as the main point of contact and primary gardener. All secondary gardeners should also provide contact information. Each person who will be working in the garden is required to sign a waiver and release of liability.
- Fees: Full plot (4' x 20') is \$40 per year, section (4' x 6') is \$25 and Small plot (3' x 5') is \$15. Payment can be made online, via check, cash or credit card. To pay online, please visit [www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg). Applying for a plot does not guarantee a plot, and receiving a plot in 2018 does not guarantee a plot for subsequent growing seasons.
- Growing Season – Garden members may access their beds as early as April 1st<sup>nd</sup> until November 30th. The garden is accessible from sunrise to sunset.

- Trainings and Meetings – Garden members are encouraged to attend trainings and the annual members meeting. The Roosevelt Community Garden Steering Committee will meet regularly to review membership issues, discuss problems, share information or help plan events and conduct other business as they deem appropriate. All garden members are welcome to attend these meetings.
- Garden Bed Assignment – Plots are assigned ONLY by the North Shore Land Alliance. Garden members are NOT permitted to select, change or reassign their plot(s) to a friend, relative or neighbor. If a member does not wish to maintain their plot, he/she must notify the Land Alliance. Reassignment will follow a “waiting list” order.
- Water – Water is available on site. Please conserve use of water. Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the Land Alliance of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden. Replace hoses in their correct locations.
- Garden Tools and Shed - Tools and watering equipment are available for garden members only and other authorized individuals. Tools must be washed and returned to the shed and placed in their correct places. Please keep the shed tidy and in safe working order. Keep in mind that there will be other gardeners who will follow your lead. This includes leading by example for our children.
- Children – Children under 14 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
- Sale of Produce - No produce from the garden may be sold for commercial use.
- Personal property –North Shore Land Alliance assumes no liability for personal items left in the garden. Garden members are responsible for all of their personal equipment or items brought into the garden.
- Individual Plot and Garden Maintenance:
  - Watering, weeding and general upkeep of your plot is your responsibility.
  - Individual plots must be prepared and ready to plant by June 1<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting).
  - Plants should not exceed plot boundaries.
  - We recommend that garden members harvest their plots twice a week during the height of the growing season, this is the recommended time commitment to keep your plot properly maintained. Members will be notified if their plots are unattended and asked to remedy the situation. We encourage gardeners to ask other gardeners for help.
  - Garden members are required to help maintain the overall community garden. This includes, but is not limited to, removal of litter, weeding both inside your plot and around the plot perimeter, return of tools, hoses and materials to their proper storage locations after each use, and general concern for the overall maintenance of your individual plot and of the overall site.
  - Please notify the Land Alliance, if you are unable to tend your plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend your garden.

- All members are expected to assist with 'closing' the Garden by cleaning equipment, storing items and removing waste at the end of season. All plots must be cleared of old plants at the end of the season.
- Organic Gardening – We encourage only organic growing practices. No pesticide, fungicides, herbicides or non-organic fertilizers may be used in the garden. Gardeners may grow some flowers such as those that discourage pests, are edible, and/or attract pollinators and birds. However, vegetables should take up most of your garden bed space. Growing corn is not allowed, as it creates too much shade upon others' crops.
- Composting – The garden will have a composting area. Members are encouraged follow good composting guidelines in the composting area. Please use compost or other natural materials to keep your garden bed fertile.
- Waste management - Do not mix trash/garbage with recyclable items. No debris of any kind should be left on the property or tossed in the neighbor's garbage. Please check to be sure that the recyclable items have the recycle triangle mark before tossing into the recycling container. Some seedling pots are NOT recyclable, and every attempt should be made to re-use these. Put diseased, pest-infested plant material in garbage containers.
- Animals – Pets are not allowed in the Garden.
- Alcohol and Smoking – Alcohol and smoking are prohibited inside or at the entrance of the garden.
- Loud Music – Music is permitted in the garden but must be kept at a minimum.
- Violence and Grievances – Issues will arise in the garden. We encourage all Gardeners to maintain a level of respect to their other gardeners, neighbors and community members to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all everyone. CGM's are encouraged to mediate their grievances. Reports of such activities will be acted on quickly. Continued actions will be grounds for immediate eviction from the site and loss of your plot. If members are unable to mediate their issues, they may take their concerns to the Steering Committee for a resolution.
- Vandalism and Theft – Most gardens experience occasional vandalism. The best course of action you can take is harvest immediately, get to know other gardeners and question unfamiliar faces. Please remember that removing tools from the garden or vegetables from other beds is considered theft and will result in the forfeiture of your membership.

Welcome to the Roosevelt Community Garden!

Please contact the North Shore Land Alliance if you have any questions and ideas, suggestions for workshops and events or concerns about how the season is going.

Garden updates and membership information can be found online at  
[www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg).