

# Streams of Hope Community Garden Application Form



Please print clearly.

*Plot space is not guaranteed until form and payment are received.*

All information will be kept confidential and is for our own office use only.

*Filling out this form means you have read and agree to abide by the Garden Guidelines.*

Please make checks payable to **Streams of Hope**.

Drop off form and payment at the Food Center or mail to:

**Streams of Hope 280 60<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548**

Name: (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (number and street) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Information will be shared by email and posted inside the garden gate)

Please explain any medical conditions (allergies, etc.) that we should be aware of:

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a plot in our garden last year? (circle one)      YES      NO

*(Returning gardeners may keep their same plot if their app and payment are received by May 9)*

Number of plots desired: (circle one)      1      2      (each 4'x16' plot is \$20 per year)

*Plots will be assigned on May 10 in the order that paid applications were received. 2<sup>nd</sup> plots will be allowed if still available on that date.*

List in order your first 5 choices of plot numbers if available (see diagram below. W = water faucet)

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Do you have any special skills/knowledge you'd like to share with other gardeners?

POND			
1	7	13	19
2	8	14	20
3	9	15	21
4	10	16	22
5	11	17	23
6	12	18	24
GATE			

*For office use only*

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Garden Guidelines



*Please read before completing application as submittal means you agree to abide by these guidelines.*

## *Welcome to the Streams of Hope Community Garden!*

Participating in a community garden can be a fun, rewarding and educational experience. It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, share what you know with others and learn new things. Streams of Hope staff and volunteers are here to help make this year as successful and enjoyable as possible for you. These guidelines are designed to answer your questions and help us all have a joy filled and bountiful year gardening together. Please contact us if at any time you have any questions or concerns.

## *Streams of Hope will provide:*

- Garden plot with locked gate.
- Some garden tools such as shovels, garden hoe, etc. available for general use. They should always be stored in the tool shed when not being used. The tool shed will be secured with a lock. You may, at your own risk, store your personal tools in this shed, space permitting. Streams of Hope is not responsible for lost or stolen personal goods.
- Water – 5 faucets are available within the garden.
- Opportunities to learn more about growing a successful garden; opportunities to meet other gardeners; a relaxing and fun gardening experience. In addition, Streams of Hope may be able to provide a limited number of plants/seeds to get you started.

## *What may be grown or placed in your plot:*

- Vegetables, herbs, flowers and/or small fruit plants. (If flowers are intended, please state so that we can properly allocate plot for allergy issues)
- Plants or small trees which are placed into pots or containers (you must remove these at the end of the season). All containers must fit within your plot.
- No perennials or overwintering root vegetables planted in the ground.
- All plants must be legal and for personal consumption or donation only. **Cannabis/Marijuana will not be allowed**
- No trees or large/permanent structures may be planted or stored on Streams of Hope property.

## *Plot care guidelines:*

- All plots must be watered, weeded and generally maintained on a regular basis. Plots must be kept clean of refuse and always have a neat appearance.
- Dispose of plant waste in the yard waste carts in the trash enclosure and trash in the can or dumpster.
- Plants must not grow outside the bounds of your plot (within reason), and may not obstruct any paths or others' plots.
- Be considerate of your neighbors and orient your structures and plantings to avoid casting shade on other plots.
- Be sure to turn off the water when you are finished using it.
- Streams of Hope reserves the right to remove any plants or other materials that may interfere with another Community Garden member's plot.
- Please notify Streams of Hope if you can no longer maintain your plot.
- All plots must be cleared and cleaned by October 31. **Those who don't clear their plot may lose the opportunity for a plot the following year. Any possessions still remaining after this date will become the property of Streams of Hope.**
- Tampering in any way with any garden plot other than your own is not allowed.

- Gardeners found in non-compliance with these guidelines may be asked to forfeit their plot. We will be monitoring the garden on a regular basis.
- We ask everyone for help in keeping a well-maintained, joy filled and inviting garden for all.

*Regarding general conduct and personal responsibility:*

- Please respect the personal property, garden plots, and the hard work of others. Do not infringe on other plots. This would include using caution when moving a hose. Remember...If you expect respect, be the first to show it.
- Personal radios, cell phones or electronic games are not forbidden at the garden, but please keep their volume to a minimum or use headphones.
- Please closely supervise young children and pets at the garden, and never leave animals or children unattended on Streams of Hope property. You must keep dogs and other pets OUTSIDE the garden fence and away from children and other animals. Please be courteous and always clean up after your children and pets.
- Regarding theft: Theft of produce or tools is a small but unfortunate occurrence among community gardens. Our fence can keep many animals out but not those intent to do harm. To reduce the chance of theft, harvest your produce as soon as it is ripe, and do not leave personal belongings or crops at the garden overnight. Please report any theft or suspicious behavior immediately.