



The Clarkesville Greenway Community Organic Garden 2023 Application

Thank you for your interest and welcome to Habersham County's first public organic community garden! This project is a collaboration of the Soque River Watershed Association (SRWA), Clarkesville Greenways Inc., and the City of Clarkesville. The SRWA is the principal organizer of this project and if you have questions after reading this, please contact us at 706-754-9382 or SRWA@soque.org.

The Garden site occupies about one quarter of an acre of land that sits in the middle of Phase I of the Clarkesville Greenway Trail. The Garden may be found by walking or driving to the Old Clarkesville Mill located on Old Hwy 441, and then walking the Greenway Trail to the loop. The Garden is enclosed with a solar powered electric fence to repel deer, so please use caution (if touched it'll give you a shock!).

Community gardens are places where participants gather to enjoy gardening and to learn about sustainable production methods. Participation in the Garden is open to both individuals and groups. Churches, school groups, and other organizations may sign up for a plot through one designated member of their organization. Plots are available first to residents of Habersham County, then to others as availability allows. The Garden provides basic tools, water, and spring tilling. All participating Community Gardeners share in the maintenance of the fence lines and other common areas throughout the year.

Acknowledgement and Agreement for Community Garden Participants

By signing the application on the following page, I agree to and will abide by The Greenway Community Organic Garden Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation:

1) To follow organic and sustainable gardening practices. This excludes the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Plant starts are not required to be organic.

2) To maintain my plot regularly so that it contributes positively to the Garden, Garden neighbors, and the community. Plot maintenance includes, but may not be limited to:

~ Keeping my plants within plot boundaries.

~ Keeping my plot clean, neat, and weeded. (If I'm going on vacation or am unable to tend my plot due to illness, I'll let Garden members know so that they can lend a hand!)

~ Keeping string, stone(s), wood, and metal within the plot boundaries. We appreciate the mowing of the Garden and understand that all grassy areas must be kept free of debris that might damage mowers or impede efficient mowing.

~ Putting up the shared tools and resources of the Garden after I've used them.

~ Picking only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user. Picking only my appropriate share from the common plants, such as the blueberries.

~ Accompanying and supervising at all times my own children and any Guests that I invite to the Garden. I am responsible for their behavior while they are visiting the Garden.

~ Making sure dogs are not digging, eating or going to the bathroom in the garden area. If you find this is an issue, please notify the office so we can alert owners.

~ Abiding by the rules for parking vehicles at the Garden site. Parking is preferred at the Old Clarkesville Mill. No vehicles may be parked in front of the city's greenhouse. If there are large items to unload, the access road just behind the Garden on the greenhouse side may be used. Do not block the road / greenhouse access.

3) To commit to sharing in the maintenance of the Garden's common areas. This commitment is necessary for a Community Garden to thrive. Proper maintenance involves group efforts on scheduled workdays, in addition to volunteering as individual time allows while in the garden. This means helping to maintain the unwanted growth along the fence line and helping to turn the compost if you plan to use some of it. Helping maintain Black Fabric on walkways.

4) I will maintain and keep my SRWA membership current.

Thank you!

Clarkesville Greenway Organic Community Garden Application Form

Mail completed form, waiver (for each participant), and checks made out to SRWA – PO Box 1901 – Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Name *(If an individual is applying for a group, please include the name of each person in the group):*

Address:

Phone:

Email:

How did you hear about us?

Site preference *(Sites will be given out in the order payments are received. However, you can request a plot adjacent to a friend and we will try and accommodate you.):*

Size of plot (circle one):

Dues Amount enclosed (circle one):

10x20

\$50.00

Dues are for one year, April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

By signing this application I agree to and will abide by The Greenway Community Organic Garden rules, terms, and conditions for participation as outlined on the previous page.

If disruptions or concerns are from not following Garden rules, terms, and conditions, a written notice of those concerns will be sent to the participant. If no response or correction has been made within one week of notice being sent, the participant will forfeit their plot and all associated privileges.

Waiver of Liability – I agree to hold harmless the City of Clarkesville, the Soque River Watershed Association, Clarkesville Greenways Inc., and any Garden managers or volunteers for any damage, loss or claim in association with the Clarkesville Greenway Organic Community Garden.

I have read, understand, and accept these rules, terms, and conditions as stated above for participation in the Clarkesville Greenway Organic Community Garden.

Gardener’s Name (print): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____