

CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHEET



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Please submit this supportive document with the AgLant Allotment Urban Garden Application to:
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1. Choose a site:

- Identify an available AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Urban Garden site on the [AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Map](#).
- Address of property _____
- Please list recommended urban agriculture uses for this site (See link on this GWA page .) _____

2. Organize a meeting of interested people:

- Are there a minimum of [5 independent households](#) interested in partnering with you to plan, create and sustain the garden? In the space below, please list the names and indicate (with a star *) any members of your garden team live, work, or own a business within 1 mile of the site.

- What kind of garden would it be? (Ex: vegetable, flower, herbs, fruit, hydroponc etc.)

3. Form a Garden Group Leadership Team:

- **Garden Manager** – Please provide the name of a well-organized person that will serve as your urban garden group leader.

- **Garden Sponsor Organization** – Please provide the name of a non-profit or business entity that will serve as a fiscal sponsor for your garden group and enter into the licensure with the City of Atlanta. (Ex: church, non-profit in the [AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Resource](#) list etc.)

- **Additional team members/assets:** Please list the names and skills that other members of your garden group contribute to your garden. (Ex may or may not include: treasurer, communications/social media, mentor gardener, truck owner, someone good at construction etc.)
- **Training:** Have any of your team members have gardening experience or taken/plan to take training programs listed in [AgLanta Grows-A-Lot resources](#)? If selected, would your leadership team be ready to attend the [AgLanta Academy](#) - the first for this session will be [Sat. June 30th, 2018?](#)

4. AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Urban Garden Stewardship:

- **Cultural Stewardship:** There are neighbors that may not be used to food production. How does your garden group plan to mitigate challenges and highlight the social, environmental, economic and health benefits of a community garden?

(Ex: maintain the green space along the sidewalk adjacent to the garden, plant a flower border, plant a bed for any neighbor to pick, invite neighbors to a class or an event, make sure there is a clear message in the bylaws that ensures all plot holders maintain their plots, keep what may look like junk in an area that is out of site, keep the weeds down. Are there neighboring or AgLanta organizations you plan to partner with? Etc.)

- **Environmental Stewardship:** is your garden group prepared to commit to using sustainable gardening practices, as defined by [Certified Naturally Grown](#) in your [garden by-laws](#) and garden management plan? How does your garden group plan to integrate some of the action steps suggested in the [Bee City Resolution](#) - the link is found on the [AgLanta Grows-A-Lot resource page](#).

- **Economic Sustainability:** Please see the **sample urban garden budget** and **resources** on the [AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Resource](#) page. How will your garden group prepared to find the resources needed to start your garden this year?

4. Urban Agriculture Soil Suitability and Health:

- Does your garden group agree to adhere to the AgLanta Grows-A-Lot **requirement for growing food in raised beds**, mulching pathways and only using urban agriculture techniques that have been deemed suitable for that site?

5. Choosing to adopt an AgLanta Grows-A-Lot PILOT property:

- By submitting an application to adopt an AgLanta Grows-A-Lot urban garden site, your group is **choosing to create a new community garden** during the **pilot** year. Is your garden group willing to work with the Mayor's Office of Resilience, AGAC, and community partners to overcome challenges inherent in launching new system, offere constructive feedback (at the mid-point and at the end of the pilot year), and become a partner in creating a system that will enable future urban gardeners to create urban gardens on vacant, city-owned properties?
- Why is your garden group a good candidate for a **pilot** program?