

# Southborough Community Gardens at Breakneck Hill Conservation Land

## 2023 GARDENER'S AGREEMENT:

- In light of the pandemic and its accompanying disruptions, please follow the latest Southborough Board of Health and State of Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidance and Directives
- **No pesticides allowed, organic or otherwise. The community gardens abuts Beecology where Dr Robert Gegear leads a research team on at-risk native bumblebees. Using pesticides puts those bumblebees at further risk. If gardeners identify an insect infestation, they should handpick them and drop them in a jar of soapy water.**

Due to the concerns about the invasive jumping worms, no soil can be brought in to community gardens this season.

- If gardeners identify any blights or diseased plants, please remove them and do NOT compost them
- **All assigned sites will be inspected at the end of the season. Anyone whose plot is left with debris shall not be eligible for a plot next year.**
- The plots can be fenced at the individual's expense.
- Gardeners must dispose of waste and litter after every use.
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Please notify the garden coordinator of any leaks in the water line. **All faucets must be turned off when not being used and hoses returned to stations**
- Only vegetables, herbs, and annuals can be grown in the garden plot.
- Gardeners must maintain their plots regularly and are responsible for **weeding the walkways around their plots**. If gardeners abandon their plots for any reason, they must notify the Garden Coordinator.
- Only compost in designated areas, do not toss weeds into the wetlands.
- The Town of Southborough provides the land, and water outlets with hoses. Gardeners are responsible for bringing their own gardening tools. Garden tools can be stored in the shed however the Community Garden is not responsible if it goes missing.

**Gardeners are responsible to remove all non-organic waste from the site.**

- Parking is allowed from dawn to dusk on the driveway adjacent to the garden and at the conservation land trailhead. Parking in the Harding Botanicals lot is not permitted.
- I understand that neither the Garden Coordinator, the Conservation Commission nor the Town of Southborough is responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THOSE LISTED ABOVE FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.
- Still have questions? Please contact Garden Coordinator Isabel Kerber at: [ikerber@southboroughma.com](mailto:ikerber@southboroughma.com)

## 2023 Gardener's Agreement

I have read and agree to the 2023 Gardener's Agreement.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Only one size plot will be assigned: 10 x 20 Plot

Plot fee is **\$30**

Plots are available for Southborough residents and you can request up to two (2) plots.

Senior's Fee are no longer optional, **everyone** will pay for their plots.

Plots will be assigned based on the date stamped in the envelope by the US Post office.

Please do not request changes to assigned plots. It's very disruptive to change already assigned plots for someone else convenience.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 x 20 Plot \$30

Please make your check payable to the **Town of Southborough** and mail it, along with this page of the form, to

Isabel Kerber  
PO Box #80  
Southborough, MA 01772

No plots will be assigned without this completed form and payment.