



## GARDENER APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Best Phone Number:

Email Address:

What interests or what excites you most about the SouthWood Community Garden?

What do you hope to grow in your plot?

In what ways has the raising of food been part of your life?

In addition to manual labor, what skills or service(s) would you be willing to offer to the SouthWood Community Garden? And/or what dreams or ideas do you have for the garden that you would be willing to help bring to life?

Businesses/Organizations/Institutions (e.g. schools) to which you are connected that might be interested in partnering with the community garden in some way (and how):

To complete the application

- Sign the Gardener's Agreement on Page 2.
- Make check out to Sustainable Tallahassee with SouthWood Community Garden in the "for" notation on bottom left of your check.
- Mail this application and check to SWCG 4044 Shady View Lane, Tallahassee, FL 3231

Thank you for your interest in the SouthWood Community Garden!

— *SouthWood Community Garden Steering Committee*

## SOUTHWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT

As a SouthWood Community Gardener, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree:

1. To pay a One-Time Membership Enrollment fee of \$50 (tax-deductible).  
Enrollment fee is good as long as you pay your dues.
2. To pay \$120/year (not tax-deductible) to cover SWCG expenses  
Can be paid as 2 payments of \$60 Due Jan 1 for Jan 1-June 30 and July 1 for July 1-Dec. 31
3. To plant a spring crop by April 15, a summer crop or cover by July 1 and a fall crop by November 1.
4. To visit the garden—personally or via proxy—at least twice a week.
5. To keep weeds to a minimum and my plot “neat and tidy” without the use of inorganic chemical weed killers (i.e. Roundup).
6. To maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
7. To dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost area.
8. To water only when on-site (hand water only).
9. To participate in at least four community garden workdays per year, including a late-summer/early-fall cleanup and a pre-spring spruce-up.
10. To minimize or plant tall and sprawling crops where they will not interfere with neighboring plots or overtake shared pathways.
11. To harvest personal crops when mature, within 1 week.
12. To pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot member.
13. To use organic soil amendments and pest control methods and will not bring or use outside inorganic commercial products in this garden.
14. To refrain from bringing pets to the community garden.
15. To inform the SouthWood Community Garden Steering Committee or administrator if I am no longer able to tend my plot, if I will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend my plot.
16. That if I am not in compliance with this agreement and do not remedy the situation within 14 days, my plot will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.
17. I have read the Southwood Community Garden Rules and Regulations and agree to fully abide by them. Furthermore, I understand that neither the SouthWood Community Garden Steering Committee, Sustainable Tallahassee, nor the Capital Region Community Development District (CRCDD) are responsible for my actions. I understand and agree that neither the SouthWood Community Garden Steering Committee, Sustainable Tallahassee, nor the CRCDD, nor of their officers, agents, volunteers, or employees shall be held responsible or made the subject of any claim for damages or liability arising from personal injury, property damage or loss of any sort to me, my guests or any other person or loss of any other sort arising out of or related to my activities in connection with participation in programs at the Community Gardens of SouthWood, whether the result of the negligence of the SouthWood Community Garden Steering Committee, Sustainable Tallahassee, or the CRCDD. I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SOUTHWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE, SUSTAINABLE TALLAHASSEE, AND THE CRCDD, THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM, LIABILITY, OR LOSS.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In exchange, as a SouthWood Community Gardener, I expect to enjoy:
2. Use of a 4' x 8' raised garden plot for growing seasonal produce.
3. Water for irrigation.
4. The convenience of a shared “tool library,” or community garden tool shed.
5. A place to gather and connect with neighbors.
6. An opportunity to rediscover and teach our children how people used to get food.
7. A fresher healthier diet.
8. Monthly gardening, cooking, composting or other food-related educational opportunities
9. A chance to live more sustainably



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

Individual garden plots and adjacent pathways shall be maintained by renters. If a problem occurs with the garden site, such as water leaks, please contact the City of Tallahassee Utilities 891-4968 or the Police Department 891-4200 after hours. Gardeners who habitually neglect or abandon their plot will forfeit their community garden membership. Neglected plots are a potential source of weeds and pests and detract from the beauty of the SouthWood Community Garden. Neglected plots may be cleared and/or re-rented if the gardener does not take appropriate action. If you plan to be on vacation for an extended period of time, please ask a neighbor gardener, relative, or friend to care for your plot in your absence. If you wish to discontinue using your plot, please contact Lori Finn at 513-1627.

### **COMPOST & MULCH**

Compost will be provided at the garden areas as it becomes available and while supplies last. For weed suppression, gardeners may use their own biodegradable mulch such as straw, biodegradable mats, wood chips, etc. Materials that do not decompose, such as, carpet, black plastic, etc. are discouraged. Gardeners must remove all non-biodegradable material by the end of the season.

### **PESTICIDES**

To prevent over-spray contamination and other problems affecting your neighbors and the environment, inorganic chemical pesticides and herbicides are prohibited in the SouthWood Community Garden. We strongly encourage the use of organic gardening techniques and organic chemical compounds to control pests and weeds. Gardeners found to be using non-organic chemical pesticides or herbicides risk losing their gardening privileges.

### **REFUSE**

An area is designated at the community garden for organic waste to be composted. Litter, meat products/bones, and non-bulky organic waste should NOT be placed in the compost area. Please keep our community garden clean by taking all litter and trash home with you after each visit.

### **VANDALISM**

Security is not provided. Vandalism and theft can be a problem especially during harvesting season. If you notice unauthorized people in the gardens or suspicious activity, please help your gardening neighbors by calling the City of Tallahassee Police Department at 891-4200.

### **WATER, HOSES AND SPRINKLERS**

The water faucets are shared with other gardeners. The SouthWood Community Garden does not supply hoses, but gardeners may share their hoses. Please be considerate of the plot renters near the water faucets when moving hoses. **NO SPRINKLERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN. GARDENS SHOULD BE HAND WATERED AS NECESSARY.**

### **BE NEIGHBORLY!**

Be a good neighbor to your fellow gardeners. Do not exceed your own garden boundaries. Be considerate when using water, hoses, mulch, etc. Please discard unwanted or unnecessary items properly. Please supervise children while gardening. Keep pets out of the garden area. Do not pick crops that do not belong to you unless given permission by the plot user.

## INDIVIDUAL LICENSE AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), a SouthWood Community Gardener, on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) hereby acknowledge and agree:

**1. Term.** This Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue until the above named is no longer a SouthWood Community Gardener in compliance with the SouthWood Community Gardener's Agreement as described in **Composite Exhibit A** or until otherwise terminated by the Capital Region Community Development District ("District"), with or without cause. The District has sole and unrestricted discretion to terminate this Agreement.

**2. Use.** The Capital Region Community Development District hereby grants to the above a limited license to participate in the installation, maintenance, and operation of the SouthWood Community Garden on certain lands owned by the District and located in Leon County, Florida (the "Property"), as identified in **Composite Exhibit A**. Use of the Property shall be for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating the SouthWood Community Garden as set forth in this Agreement and as described in **Composite Exhibit A**, which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth herein. Any other use is prohibited and shall subject this Agreement to termination by the District. There shall be no use of, or act in connection with, the District's Property that is in violation of any law, rule, or ordinance established by any federal, state, municipal or local governmental or regulatory agency, or covenant running with the Property. The materials and design of the SouthWood Community Garden shall be subject to the SouthWood Architectural Review Committee's aesthetic principals. Parking is not authorized on the Property. Parking is only allowed in existing, paved parking spaces. No livestock or other animals may be kept on the Property. No produce or other products of the SouthWood Community Garden shall be subject to sale.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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