

# 2008 NEW GARDEN FUND GRANT Application Form

Applications are due on January 25, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.

## Applicant Information

Name of your garden or new proposed garden: \_\_\_\_\_ Meadowood Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Name of neighborhood(s) in which project will be located:

\_\_\_\_\_ Meadowood \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Sheri Rembert \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 5813 Thrush Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: 53711 \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 273-0960 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ horseycraft@hotmail.com \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Information

**HINT:** Please give short answers to these questions. We will learn more

### A) Brief Project Description

The project focuses on building neighborhood leadership and capacity in the Russett and Balsam areas of the Meadowood Neighborhood. The area is one clearly undergoing a profound transformation. It is at risk of becoming another blighted and severely troubled pocket within the city. This is evidenced by growing numbers of police calls, incidents of violence and attention being paid to the area by the Mayor's office. School data shows sharply rising numbers of low-income families in the area with increasing numbers of children.

We propose to develop a safer, more viable neighborhood by building assets and engaging residents in their Neighborhood Association efforts and their larger community; the community garden is one of these projects and was one that was desired by many residents on the neighborhood surveys done in the winter and fall of 2007. The proposal focuses on building relationships between newcomers (primarily renters) and long-term residents (primarily homeowners) so that all can work together on creating this community garden.

# SITE ANALYSIS FOR GARDEN PLANNING

Please complete the next three pages and submit them with your grant application to the New Garden Fund.

**WHAT IS THE EXACT ADDRESS OF THE GARDEN?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meadowood Park** \_\_\_\_\_  
List ALL addresses, even those that face other streets.

**WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE LOT?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **100'** length \_\_\_\_\_ **150'** width \_\_\_\_\_ area (length x width) \_\_\_\_\_ irregular shape

**WHAT KINDS OF PLANTS DO YOU WANT TO GROW IN THE GARDEN?**

(check ALL that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Herbs \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shrubs \_\_\_\_\_ Trees

**WHO WILL BE USING THE SITE?** (check ALL that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors \_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Families  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs  
\_\_\_\_\_ Social Groups \_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Low-income People  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW WILL YOU USE THE SITE?** (check ALL that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Growing food  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Picnics and neighborhood parties (**in the park area**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **possible** \_\_\_\_\_ Day care/ children's area  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT'S THE SOIL LIKE?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Will use soil already in the garden (weeds are HEALTHY!)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Will need to bring in compost  
\_\_\_\_\_ Soil is hard and compacted, and no weeds are growing  
\_\_\_\_\_ Water puddles on soil surface  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ We want to test the soil (**soil test submitted in early January, 2008**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ **grass at present** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE WILL WE GET WATER FOR THE GARDEN?**

\_\_\_\_\_ From a house or other building --Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ From Public Housing – Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ From a fire hydrant. The closest working hydrant  
is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Will you store water in containers in garden?

\_\_\_\_\_ Will you need water barrels?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Other sources of water City water in park\_\_\_\_\_

**IS THE GARDEN SITE SUNNY OR SHADY? IN MORNING OR AFTERNOON?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Full sun--at least 8 hours of direct sun each day  
\_\_\_\_\_ Partial sun--at least 4 hours of direct sun each day  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shady--not much sun at all  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mixed--different parts get different amounts of sun

**IS THE GARDEN SURFACE FLAT OR SLOPED?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ Surface is flat  
\_\_\_\_\_ Surface is sloped  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rainwater runs off from the site  
\_\_\_\_\_ There are paved surfaces on the site  
\_\_\_\_\_ We'd like to add different levels to the garden  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DIG UP THE "DIRT" ON YOUR SITE---WHAT ARE THE FACTS?**

Talk to some of the older residents of the block:  
How long has it been vacant? \_\_\_\_\_ **Not vacant** \_\_\_\_\_  
What used to be on the site? \_\_\_\_\_ **City Park** \_\_\_\_\_  
Was it ever a factory or a gas station? \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_  
Are the adjacent houses occupied? \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the garden near a busy street or a factory? \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_  
Which side of the garden faces the most neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_ **All** \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THERE ANYTHING ON THE LOT THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED?**

\_\_\_\_\_ trash  
\_\_\_\_\_ weeds  
\_\_\_\_\_ trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ cement  
\_\_\_\_\_ cars  
\_\_\_\_\_ rocks & rubble  
\_\_\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ **grass** \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THERE POTENTIAL FOR GARDEN EXPANSION AT THIS SITE?**

**Yes.**

B) Please list 3 or more people who are committed to making this garden happen.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Sheri Rembert \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_273-0960\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Judith Adrian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_838-9868\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Lobes \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_838-7491\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Wensel \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_288-9289\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Andrea Potter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_271-8190\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Pratt \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_206-4818\_\_

C) When would you like to start the new garden?

Spring of 2008.

D) Will youth, elderly, non-English speakers, lower income people or people with disabilities be a part of the new garden? Please let us know if people in these groups will be involved or what your plans are to involve them. (CAC Community Gardens can support you by supplying an interpreter or helping you build raised beds.)

The two areas of focus (Balsam, Russett) contain 415 households, 192 are owner-occupied with a total population of 981 persons (2000 census). School data from Orchard Ridge and Toki indicate a steep rise in low-income families. Many of the new families are immigrants and/or persons of color. There is clear interest in having community gardens from the Latino families (who are already growing vegetables near their apartment buildings, with permission from the property owners). In the neighborhood survey completed on the garden, per se, there was interest across age, type of residence, lower-income and non-English speaking residents. There is one person with a disability who is very interested in the project as well.

- E) Who owns or controls the land where the new garden will be located? What arrangements have you made to secure the site for a community garden? Please attach copies of written permission to use the land where your garden will be, and be specific about the length of time for which the arrangement is in place.

The land is in the Meadowood Park, owned by the City of Madison. The organizing group met with Si Wilstrand, Madison Parks, on November 27 to talk about using this space. The organizing group will request Park Commission approval at the February, 2008, meeting. There may be water access at the site; Si is checking into this.

- F) We require that you contact your neighborhood association and alder to make sure that they support your garden proposal. Please list names of neighborhood association leaders and the alder who you contacted and their responses.

Attached are statements from the neighborhood association and alder.

- G) We require that you do a soil test for heavy metals at your site. The UW Soil & Plant Analysis Lab, 8452 Mineral Point Rd., Verona, WI 53593-8696, can do the testing for \$37.00 per sample. Phone: (608) 262-4364. Please attach a copy of the results of the test.

Since this is city land, Janet Parker informed us that no soil test for heavy metals is needed. We have submitted a soil sample to the UW Soil Testing Laboratory and expect results back by the end of January, 2008.

## Funding Proposal

- A) How would you spend a New Garden Fund Grant? (fencing, water pipes or hoses, tools, incorporation, etc.)

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| 1) _____  | Water hook-up                               |                                |
|           | (bid coming from Pertzborn Plumbing to CAC) | \$___not available at deadline |
| 2) _____  | Hoses _____                                 | \$ _____ 300_____              |
| 3) _____  | Attractive fencing (low wood fencing)       | \$ _____ 5000_____             |
| 4) _____  | Tool shed _____                             | \$ _____ 750_____              |
| 5) _____  | Lease Initiation Fee _____                  | \$ _____ 200_____              |
| 6) _____  | Picnic Table _____                          | \$ _____ 450_____              |
| 7) _____  | Soil Sample _____                           | \$ _____ 50_____               |
| 8) _____  | Bulletin Board _____                        | \$ _____ 50_____               |
| 9) _____  | Raised Beds _____                           | \$ _____ 200_____              |
| 10) _____ | Compost Bin _____                           | \$ _____ 200_____              |
| 11) _____ | Accessible Path Materials _____             | \$ _____ 200_____              |
| 12) _____ | Accessible Path compactor rental _____      | \$ _____ 85_____               |
| 13) _____ | Tilling _____                               | \$ _____ CAC_____              |
| 14) _____ | Hand Tools _____                            | \$ _____ 400_____              |
| 15) _____ | Trenching (depending on city trenching)     | \$ _____ ??_____               |
| 16) _____ | Compost/wood chips _____                    | \$ _____ City contribution     |

17) _____ Printing/flyers _____	\$ _____ 200 _____
18) _____ Sand Box _____	\$ _____ 200 _____
<b>Total Garden Expenses _____</b>	<b>\$ _____ 8285 _____+ unknowns_____</b>

## Attachments

Please complete and attach the following documents:

- \_\_\_ Written permission to use the land where your garden will be  
**Southwest Plan; approaching Parks Committee in February.**
- \_\_\_ Soil test for heavy metals  
**Not necessary in public park.**
- \_\_\_ Community Gardening Project Survey (form included, page 4)  
**See attachment**
- \_\_\_ Site Analysis for Garden Planning (form included, pages 6 - 8)

## Visit to Your Site

When could Gardener Panel members (the 10 Madison community gardeners who will choose grant recipients) visit your site? Please list several dates and times that would work for you.

**Weekday afternoons in late February. We are flexible and will make the dates and times work.**

Please submit your application to:

CAC Community Gardens –  
New Garden Fund  
Attn: Janet Parker  
1717 N. Stoughton Road  
Madison, WI 53704-2605