

Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in the Gardens Network Advisory Team!

The Advisory Team is a group of people who meet quarterly to assure that:

- An annual Garden Summit is organized and implemented.
- The Gardens Network is expanded into countywide municipalities through the use of engagement strategies, such as events, training, and socializing.
- Gardening best practices are identified and encouraged.
- Garden leadership development and support is available and effective.
- Cross-garden training, relationships, mentoring and activities are being developed and implemented throughout the year.
- Outreach efforts target a broad range of gardener diversity and accessibility.
- The Advisory Team's two seats on the Administrative Team are filled.

The advisory team consists of ten seats held by the three partners. The seats will be filled by the partners and will reflect the following:

- One CGW board member or designee
- One Dane County Food Council member
- One Madison Food Policy Council member
- Seven At-Large members, to include at least two garden leaders (representing Dane county and city of Madison)

Responsibilities include:

- Attending one 90 minute Advisory Team meeting every quarter.
- Participating in at least one subcommittee, which will include preparation work as well as an average of one meeting per month.
- Two Advisory Team members will sit on the Gardens Network Administrative Team and participate in monthly daytime meetings, and will be responsible for communication between the Teams.
- Preparing for all meetings by reading materials and other communications, including the regular use of email.
- Communicating information, decisions, announcements, and other information between the Advisory Team and gardeners, garden leaders, stakeholders, and other interested parties in a reliable, accurate, constructive, proactive, and helpful manner.
- Committing to consistent participation and attendance, to assure consistency and integration between Teams and workgroups.

Invitations to hold a seat are not subject to political appointment, public process, or open meeting laws, and are an informal attempt to engage stakeholders in a participatory process that is not binding.

Gardens Network
Advisory Team Candidate Application
3601 Memorial Dr., Suite 4
Madison, WI 53704

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please provide a brief statement of interest that addresses the following questions:

- (a) How did you hear about the Gardens Network Advisory Team?
- (b) Why do you want to serve on the Gardens Network Advisory Team?
- (c) Can you commit to quarterly meetings of approximately 90 minutes and an hour or two of committee work monthly between meetings?

How do you feel the Gardens Network Advisory Team would benefit from your involvement on the Team?

Skills, experience and interests (Please check all that apply):

☐ Garden Leadership development and support

☐ Gardener engagement, diversity, and outreach

☐ Planning and implementing an annual Gardens Summit

☐ Gardening best practices and cross-garden education

☐ Advocacy (working on policy changes, funding from municipalities, etc.)

☐ Fundraising and special events

☐ Special events in individual gardens as well as city and/or county-wide

☐ Gardener education, resources, materials, and training opportunities

☐ Other:

☐ Other

Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to on behalf of the Gardens Network.

Please tell us anything else you'd like to share.

Thank you very much for applying