



Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program– Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the requirements for defining the community, and who should have access to the garden?

A: The community garden must be available to all members of a specific community. As an example, if a school is applying to install a community garden, the garden must be open and available to all members of the school's service zip code throughout the year.

Q: What are the requirements for the water source?

A: We recommend that the water source is within 100 linear feet of the community garden. If water sources are further than 100 linear feet, please contact the Trust for help determining water sources for your community garden.

Q: What are the requirements for soil testing for community gardens?

A: A soil test must be performed before selecting an in-ground bed as the form of garden. Trust Staff will bring the soil test on the day of the site visit, and then they will be mailed off for testing. For questions regarding the soil testing, please reach out to Esther Mitchell at Evtmitchell@co.pg.md.us.

Q: What are the requirements for a site visit, and how do we go about scheduling a site visit with the Trust Staff?

A: A site visit is required after applying to assess community gardens conditions prior to approval. Trust staff will reach out to the applicant to schedule an initial site visit, which will include a soil test and general evaluations of the proposed community garden.

Q: What should be included in the sketch of our community garden? Do you provide a template for the sketch, or should we provide our own?

A: A sketch of your community garden is required at the time you submit your application to the Trust and will be submitted as a supporting document. The sketch should include the total square footage of the garden, the location of the water source, the garden beds (please specify whether they are in-ground or raised), and the plants to be installed in the beds. If there are any structures on the plot such as a shed for tools, please include that in the sketch as well. Please reference the provided community gardens sketch guidelines: <https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Prince-Georges-County-Community-Gardens-Mini-Grant-Sketch-Guidelines.pdf>.

A: Currently, because the City of Bowie is managing its stormwater program independently of the County, projects in the City of Bowie are not eligible for funding in this program.