



COMMUNITY GARDENS IN THE PARKS
SITE & USAGE SURVEY

INSTRUCTIONS

Survey visits determine what's going on in the area of the park surrounding your proposed garden site by identifying who's there, times of heaviest usage, various types of sporting activities, etc.

- Three separate site visits are to be conducted over a period of one to two weeks.
The Park Supervisor must accompany you on your first survey visit.
Of the three required visits, one is to be during peak usage time on a weekday & one during peak usage time on a weekend (work with the park supervisor to find peak usage times).

SURVEYOR'S INFORMATION

Park: \_\_\_\_\_ in Ward #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in: Ornamental garden or Edible garden or Combination
(circle one)

Park Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a gardener? Y or N

TODAY'S CONDITIONS

- Day of Week (circle one): M T W TH F SAT SUN
Time in \_\_\_\_\_ Time out \_\_\_\_\_ am/ pm (during peak usage)
Weather (check all that apply):
Sunny Windy Hot Cold
Cloudy Snowy Rainy Warm

THE PROPOSED GARDEN AREA

Location Description

- Describe location of the proposed garden area (Area) within the park (i.e. NW corner of Taylor & Western next to the Tennis Courts) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Usage

- Does your group want to work in an existing garden space or create a new space? Existing or New
How are the spaces used that you see in or near your proposed area? (such as: a playlot, athletic field, open grassy spaces, etc).

**Shelter & Restrooms**

- Are there field house or public restroom facilities near the area?  
\_\_\_ YES... Approximately how close to the area? \_\_\_\_\_ feet/yards  
\_\_\_ NO... What is your group's solution for gardeners to have access to shelter and/or restrooms? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Water & Sun**

- A functioning water source within the park is mandatory, located no more than 100 feet from the area.  
Approximately how close is it? \_\_\_\_\_ feet/yards
- Describe the water source: spigot, lawn hydrant, utility sink inside the building, or  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Have you checked it to make sure it works? YES or NO
- The area is (check one):  Full sun     Partial Shade     Complete Shade

**Structures & Size**

- Are there existing structures (field house, other buildings, fences, arbors, sculptures...) in and around the area?  
YES or NO  
If yes, please provide a brief description, including how close they are to your area: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Describe the area's landscape features (trees, shrubs, grass, pathways...) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How large would you like the garden space to be? \_\_\_\_\_
- Would this area be able to generously accommodate that size? YES or NO
- Number of individuals observed **IN** the area: \_\_\_\_\_. Over how many minutes (time span)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of individuals observed **NEAR** the area: \_\_\_\_\_. Over how many minutes (time span)? \_\_\_\_\_
- What activities are these people participating in? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**OTHER COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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