



# Bristol Commons Community Garden



The Bristol Commons Community Garden is open for its second year. The Garden was funded through the HOPE VI grant and we are really excited about this venture.

There are many benefits to having a community garden. Here are just a few:

- Provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulate social interaction
- Encourage self-reliance
- Beautify neighborhoods
- Produce nutritious food
- Reduce family food budgets
- Conserve resources
- Create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduce crime
- Preserve green space
- Create income opportunities and economic development
- Reduce city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provide opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

Currently there are 32 garden plots, as well as an herb garden, edible perennial border, and greenhouse. Interested parties should complete the two-page application form attached and mail it to the address on the form no later than June 9, 2017.

Garden membership requires participation in the general maintenance of the shared areas of the community garden. This includes attending the organizational meeting and spring and fall work sessions, and assisting in tasks such as mowing, weeding, and repairs. For more information, or to volunteer as a leader or mentor, please call Karen Cruz at 508-822-0320 or email [kcruz@tauntonhousing.com](mailto:kcruz@tauntonhousing.com).



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## Rules & Regulations

These Rules & Regulations will help ensure that everyone using the garden will have a productive and enjoyable experience. Applications will be available at HOPE VI CSS Office, 101 Fairground Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780 and on Facebook at 'Bristol Commons Garden'.

### **General Requirements:**

Gardeners must follow all local, state and federal laws. Gardeners agree to hold the Taunton Housing Authority and/or Trinity Management harmless for any and all liability that may be incurred by themselves or third parties as a result of the use of the premises. The gardener accepts the risk of loss.

1. Failure to comply with these Rules & Regulations may result in the loss of gardening privileges, including loss of the assigned plot.
2. The garden area is open seven days a week.
3. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Taunton Housing Authority and/or Trinity Management reserve the right to relocate or remove the garden or any plots at the end of the season.
4. No pets are allowed in the Garden.
5. Gardeners will park in designated parking areas and not drive vehicles into the garden.

### **Gardening Requirements:**

1. No chemical pesticides or herbicides may be applied. Use products labeled "For Organic Gardening."
2. Any mulching material must be biodegradable
3. No materials of any type shall be applied in a manner that affects adjacent garden areas.
4. By June 25, if a reserved plot does not show clear evidence of active gardening, the plot may be reassigned. Abandoned plots will be reassigned and treated as necessary.
5. No motorized equipment shall be used in the garden before 9:00 a.m. Mon-Sat, 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.
6. Amplified sound is not permitted. If you wish to listen to music or a radio, use headphones.
7. No planting of invasive, illegal or poisonous plants. Mint plants should be planted in pots so to avoid taking over.
8. Rotting and spoiled produce, must be placed in the compost bin to alleviate risk of pests. Plots with a substantial amount of rotted or overgrown produce will be considered abandoned and confiscated.
9. No permanent fixtures may be installed. Temporary seasonal fences may be installed in a manner that will not trap birds or insects; for instance, fencing will not be doubled over. Fencing material shall be black, earth tone or natural color to reduce visibility. Fencing and vegetation supports will be traditional cages, stakes, strings and ties. Installed supports may not exceed 60 inches in height. Stakes must be green painted metal, made of wood or wood type products in a natural or earth-tone color.
10. Water will be provided via a Garden Hose. Gardeners should provide their own watering cans, a few watering cans will be available in the shed.
11. Place all weed, plant residue in designated compost area. Place all trash and litter in designated waste container or taken away with you. Do not leave any trash in the garden.
12. Any debris and trash, other than compost materials, will be carried out at the end of the day. Personal items, other than gardening hand tools and water buckets to be stored on the plot, will be removed at the end of the day.
13. By October 9th, each gardener must clear all corner stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic material. Any vines or large plants shall be chopped so a cover crop can be planted.

# Bristol Commons Community Garden Application Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Can you receive a text message on your cell phone? (Circle one) Yes No

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Fees:**

	Quantity	Cost
Raised Bed		\$20
Small private plot (10' x 10')		\$ 40
Medium private plot (10' x 20')		\$ 60
Large private plot (20' x 20')		\$ 80
<b>Total due with application:</b>		\$

The fees above include the plot and water.

Please make checks payable to: Taunton Housing Authority.

This completed two-page form can be mailed to Bristol Commons Community Garden c/o Karen Cruz, Taunton Housing Authority, 30 Olney Street, Taunton, MA 02780. If you cannot pay these fees and would like to apply for financial aid, please contact Karen Cruz at 508-822-0320.

All fees collected will be used for the ongoing support of the community gardens.

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*I am interested in helping with specific Common Area Garden Plot(s).* Please check those that apply.

- [ ] Cane fruits or other berries
- [ ] Orchard
- [ ] Soup kitchen garden (donate produce to food pantries)
- [ ] Grains
- [ ] Flowers
- [ ] Herbs
- [ ] Pumpkin patch
- [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Bristol Commons Community Garden, and agree to hold harmless the Bristol Commons Community Garden and its members from any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the use of the Bristol Commons Community Gardens by the garden group, its successors, assignees, employees, agents and invitees.

The undersigned, to the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, shall indemnify and hold harmless the Taunton Housing Authority and/or Trinity Management, their officers, employees, entities, agents, assignees, and invitees from and against all injuries, claims, costs, liability, losses, damages, demand, suit, and expense directly or indirectly from, caused by, arising out of, or resulting from the participation in the Bristol Commons Community Gardens, providing that any such injury, claim, cost, loss, or damage is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Taunton Housing Authority and/or Trinity Management, their officers, employees, entities, agents, assignees, and invitees for whose acts any of them may be liable.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_