

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

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
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 in or near your proposed area used? (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? _____

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? _____

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

