

**Morgan Hill Community Garden  
Demonstration Bed Project  
Board Approved September 27, 2022  
Submitted by Nick Benevento and Cindy Day**

The small beds at the entrance to the MHCG garden are intended to support the education mission of the garden through providing designated space to conduct gardening classes and to demonstrate new or unusual crops and gardening techniques to garden members. In addition, the beds promote the garden's mission to contribute to the community at large through community attendance at the classes and through the donation of produce to local social services agencies.

The eight dedicated beds are intended for demonstration of crops and gardening techniques that may not be familiar to garden members and the community. The beds promote successful gardening practices, pest management, introduction of members to crops that may not be familiar, and serve as vehicles for stimulating ideas of what to plant in the garden.

### **Objective**

To provide gardening information and knowledge to the MHCG members and to the Morgan Hill community.

### **Approach**

Eight designated beds are available to garden members who would like to demonstrate a new, unique, or interesting gardening technique or crop that would be of interest to other garden members and to home gardeners in the community. A bed may be designated for an individual's use for one growing season for the specified crop. Priority will be given to educational purposes. Crops and produce are not intended for the sole personal use of the gardener. Any crops harvested will be shared with the garden community, (e.g. those in attendance at the class, talk, or demonstration related to the project), or donated to a local food pantry. There is no fee for the use of the beds and limited funds for purchase of gardening materials necessary for an individual project may be requested at the time of application for the use of a bed.

The demonstration beds are overseen by a small garden committee appointed by the Board.

### **Gardener Responsibilities**

- Gardener must be in good standing in the garden, with no outstanding violations at the time of the request for a demonstration bed, or at any time during the project
- Complete a **Demonstration Bed Request** form clearly describing the project and any necessary budget requirements. Submit request in person to Cindy Day or Nick Benevento or to [daycindy24@gmail.com](mailto:daycindy24@gmail.com) or [colo2006@msn.com](mailto:colo2006@msn.com)

- Acquire all materials and submit receipts for any approved expenses within 30 days of purchase, not to exceed approved amount
- Prepare the bed, plant, maintain, harvest, distribute the crop, and leave the bed planting ready for the next gardener
- Schedule, announce, and conduct at least one educational or sharing activity related to the crop
- Follow and comply with all MHCG gardening policies

### **Committee Responsibilities**

- Coordinate the assignment of demonstration beds in the garden
- Receive and review all Demonstration Bed Request forms. Work with requesting gardener to clarify project and budget request prior to the start of the project
- Oversee the care and maintenance of the beds designated for the program
- Assist the gardeners with the conduct of their educational/sharing activities if requested
- Ensure communication of the program and bed availability to the garden community
- Liaison with the MHCG Board regarding the program, related issues, and budget providing updates and reports as requested

**Morgan Hill Community Garden  
Demonstration Bed Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of proposed project including what you will plant:

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Why Is This Project Important or of Interest to other gardeners:

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What educational activity would you provide to the garden and when:

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When would you start the project: \_\_\_\_\_ When would it be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting a budget for the project, and if so please describe:

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Submit to Nick Benevento or Cindy Day at [colo2006@msn.com](mailto:colo2006@msn.com) [daycindy24@gmail.com](mailto:daycindy24@gmail.com)

Project Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_