

Springbank Community Gardens at *rare* Charitable Research Reserve Participation Questionnaire 2022

The Springbank Community Gardens are a space for those interested in growing their own fresh organic produce. We are a multicultural, multi-generational garden site, where the members share knowledge and build relationships in the name of education, responsible land stewardship and inclusion. We support diverse, inclusive, and equitable participation as we work toward meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples (self-identified and status First Nations, Metis, and Inuit) of Turtle Island.

About this questionnaire:

The gardens at *rare* are committed to providing a positive gardening experience to people of all racial identities, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability and economic status, and we recognize that historical and present-day barriers exist that disadvantage Black, Indigenous, People of Colour and other marginalized community members. The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information that will help assign garden plots based on the members' unique needs while helping to increase equity and reduce barriers. We are holding the 5 garden plots that are becoming available during the 2022 season for this purpose.

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Pronouns:

Have you visited the Springbank Gardens before?

Yes

No

How did you learn about the Springbank Community Garden at *rare*?

Please Comment:

Do you currently have a garden plot at Springbank Community Garden?

Yes

No

Do you currently have a garden plot at another community garden?

Yes

No



Can you garden where you live? If not, please share why, and select all that apply.

- No space
- No tools / equipment
- Lack of experience
- Cost
- Accessibility

Other please describe:

The gardens are located at 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge and are not near a public transportation stop. Parking is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Do you have your own transportation to tend to your garden at least once a week?

- Yes
- No

Do you have accommodation needs with regards to accessibility?

- No
- Accessible Parking
- Mobility
- Translation (translation in Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Romanian, Spanish, French, and German may be available)

Other please describe:

Describe your level of gardening experience:

- 1st time gardening
- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Master

Other please describe:

Would you benefit from being mentored by a more experienced gardener?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Comments:

If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to be a mentor to a less experienced gardener?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Comments:



Why do you want to tend a garden plot? Select all that apply:

- Grow my own food
- Physical activity
- Mental health
- Make friends
- Learn new skills
- To be part of a community group
- To teach others

Other please describe:

Garden plot rental fee is typically \$60 per year. Does the \$60 fee prevent you from participating?

- Yes
- No

If yes, would a subsidized plot remove this barrier to participation?

- Yes
- No

For more information about subsidies, please contact taryn.jarvis@raresites.org

Our garden plots are typically 10' x 30'. Would a smaller garden plot of approx. 8x10' be of interest to you?

- Yes
- No

Completing the following section is optional. Collected data will not be shared publicly and will only be used to better understand applicant diversity, equity and accessibility needs and to allocate garden program resources based on these needs.

Do you identify as First Nations / Metis / and or Inuk / Inuit? If yes, select all that apply:

- No
- First Nations
- Metis
- Inuk / Inuit

Which racial identity best describes you? Select all that apply. We know people of different races do not have significantly different genetics. But our race still has important consequences, including how we are treated by different individuals and organizations.

- Black
- East/Southeast Asian
- Indigenous



- Latin American
- Middle Eastern
- South Asian
- White
- Mixed

Other Racial Identity:

This section is written under the guidance of the Ontario Anti-racism Directorate and Stats Canada. If you are interested in sharing your feedback or have questions about this data gathering effort, please email stephanie.sobek-swant@raresites.org .

Thank you for providing this information. Completion of this questionnaire does not confirm that a garden plot will become available. Applicants will be notified after March 1, 2022 about garden plot availability.

