



## **Parks & Recreation Department**

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### **The Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden**

Thank you for your interest, and welcome to the Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden! This project is a collaboration of the Banks County Parks & Recreation Department other community partners. The Banks County Parks & Recreation Department is the principal organizer of this project. If you have any questions after reading this, please contact Kim McEntire at 706-677-4407 or [kmcentire@co.banks.ga.us](mailto:kmcentire@co.banks.ga.us).

The Garden site will be located at Hudson Valley Park. Community gardens are places where participants gather to enjoy gardening and to learn about sustainable production methods. Participation in the Garden is open to both individuals and groups. Churches, school groups, and other organizations may sign up for a plot through one designated member of their organization. Plots are available first to residents of Banks County, then to others as availability allows. The Garden provides basic tools, water, and tilling. Organic soil amendments and cover crop seed are provided as dues allow.

All community gardeners share in the maintenance of the common areas throughout the years.



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### **Acknowledgement and Agreement for Community Garden Participants**

By signing the application on the following page, I agree to abide by the Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation:

1. To follow organic and sustainable gardening practices. This excludes the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. This excludes the use of seeds, seedlings, or mulch that have not been organically produced.
2. To maintain my plot regularly, so that it contributes positively to the Garden, Garden neighbors, and the community. Plot maintenance includes, but may not be limited to :
  - Keeping my plants within plot boundaries.
  - Keeping my plot clean, neat, and weeded. (If I'm going on vacation or am unable to tend my plot due to illness, I'll let Garden members know, so that they can lend a hand.)
  - Keeping string, stones, wood, and metal within the plot boundaries. We appreciate Parks & Recreation Maintenance Staff mowing the Garden, and understand that grassy areas must be kept free of debris that might damage mowers or impede efficient mowing.
  - Putting away the shared tools and resources of the Garden after I've used them.
  - Picking only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
  - Picking only my appropriate share from the common plants, such as the blueberries.
  - Accompanying and supervising at all times my own children and any guests that I invite to the Garden. I am responsible for their behavior while they are visiting the Garden.
  - Keeping dogs – even on a leash – and other pets out of the fenced Garden area.
3. To commit to sharing in the maintenance of the Garden's common areas. This commitment is necessary for a Community Garden to thrive. Proper maintenance involves group efforts on scheduled workdays, in addition to volunteering as individual time allows while in the Garden.



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### **Banks County Parks & Recreation Organic Community Garden Application Form**

Mail completed form, waiver (for each participant), and check made payable to BCPRD to 607 Thompson Street – Homer, GA 30547.

**Name (if individual is applying for a group, please include the name of each person in the group):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Size of plot (circle one):**

**Dues enclosed:**

**10x10**

**\$20.00**

**10X20**

**\$35.00**

**Dues are for one year, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

By signing this application, I agree to and will abide by the Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden rules, terms, and conditions for participation as outlined on the previous page.

If disruptions or concerns arise from not following Garden rules, terms, and conditions, a written notice of those concerns will be sent to the participant. If no response or correction has been made within one week of notice being sent, participant will forfeit their plot and all associated privileges

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** I agree to hold harmless the County of Banks, any associated partners, any County Employee, or any Garden volunteers for any damage, loss, or claim in association with the Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden.

I have read, understand, and accept these rules, terms, and conditions as stated above for participation in the Banks County Parks & Recreation Community Organic Garden.

Gardener's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_