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Garden Sharing Manual

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Land acknowledgement

The partners of the Garden Sharing Network Toronto would like to acknowledge that the land on which we work is the historical territory of the Wendat, Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit Indigenous peoples. The territory is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this territory.

Background

Growing food is a powerful tool for engaging diverse community members in environmental action, yet there is a severe shortage of land for would-be growers and long wait lists to join community or allotment gardens. Sharing yard space is a method for involving both landholders and gardeners in practical actions that support local food production while achieving environmental goals such as storm water management, reducing pesticide/fertilizer pollution, boosting pollinator habitat corridors and enhancing biodiversity.

Garden sharing is a popular initiative whether it is web-based with little other supports provided or a more comprehensive program with matching services and resources provided to gardeners.

The Stop Community Food Centre ran a highly successful YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) program for many years with workshops, garden inputs and social gatherings. The Stop also provided support to other organizations (such as Greenest City and Access Alliance) to start their own programs. Access Alliance further developed garden sharing tools in the context of their community. All of these organizations struggled to find a sustainable model for supporting safe, successful matches between landholders and growers.



Toronto Urban Growers joined with the three agencies to apply for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed grant to explore the potential of a Garden Sharing Network to support each local initiative in a one-year pilot project. Toronto Green Community brought their expertise at operating an ecological landscaping social enterprise to test out whether this model could add a revenue generation component for economic sustainability.

Lessons learned from the pilot are documented in two ways:

1. This manual, geared to people who want to start a garden sharing program in their neighbourhood
2. The GSNT pilot project report, which addresses the functioning of the network intended to support the local programs

Why is garden sharing important?

For neighbourhoods and cities:

- Garden sharing builds community when neighbours meet each other and work together
- People learn about different cultures through their food and break down stereotypes
- Under-used space is turned into green space

For landholders:

- Helping other community members gain access to healthy, local organic foods
- Learning more about growing food or sharing knowledge with others
- Connecting with others in the neighbourhood
- Unlocking the potential of one's yard
- Increasing property value through garden improvements

For gardeners:

- Growing their own healthy, local food
- Sharing their gardening knowledge
- Developing gardening skills further
- Connecting with others in the neighbourhood

Understanding why people participate

As the motivations for participation in garden sharing can have significant impacts on the success of the program, it's worth being clear about the expectations of gardeners and landholders and why they want to join.



Gardeners

Growers want to grow food for themselves, and they often want to share the food with the landholder and/or a community food program. Many are eager to share their gardening knowledge with others and are looking for social connections.



In the GSN pilot, some of the people on the waiting list for community gardens didn't want to share a private garden as they wanted the experience of gardening with a group. Others found the cost and logistics of travelling by transit to a garden to be a barrier, or they weren't comfortable going to an unfamiliar space. Some weren't sure they could bring their children or dogs to someone else's home.

Some gardeners, particularly those on low incomes, may want to sell some produce to supplement their income. Every municipality has its own regulatory framework for selling produce. In Toronto,

information about relevant policies can be found at <http://tfpc.to/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/GrowingSelling-compressed.pdf>

Landholders

Landholders vary in terms of how much involvement they want in the garden and how much interaction they and their families want with the gardener. This should be addressed in the matching process to ensure that everyone is clear and comfortable with the level of engagement desired. Some fabulous friendships have emerged from garden sharing!

Landholders may ask that gardeners contribute to the cost of gardening, such as paying for soil amendments or water. It is worth talking about the fact that the landholder benefits from improvements to their garden. The work and growing skills contributed by the gardener are valuable and should be factored into any division of benefits.

Steps in the garden sharing process

Outreach

- Each neighbourhood has its own strategies for engaging people – use what works in your neighbourhood.

- Keep in mind that landholders may respond better to different outreach tools than gardeners.
- Landholders will want to know who is coming into their space. It's important to build trust.
- Promotional materials should be clear on who is organizing the garden sharing program – whether they are organizations or businesses.
- Speak to why landholders would participate in the program:
 - Making best use of underused space
 - Growing more local food in the community
 - Greening the neighbourhood
 - Connecting with other people who care about good food
- Think outside the yard! GSN talked about garden sharing and garden space to include containers on paved surfaces, patios and balconies.
- Reach out to landholders other than homeowners. GSN matched a gardener to a seniors' home, sparking interest in gardening with the residents. Faith organizations, condo and apartment towers and businesses are all possible. The *Growing Food in the City* presentation¹ can be useful when approaching landholders.
- Visuals should achieve a balance between showing attractive edible gardens and those that are manageable for amateur gardeners. The goal is to challenge stereotypes of ugly, messy food gardens while not creating false expectations of what the garden will look like.



¹ This presentation can be found at <http://torontourbangrowers.org/img/upload/growing%20food%20in%20the%20city.pdf>

Site assessments

To create successful matches, it's critical to visit potential garden sharing spaces and verify that they're suitable for growing and provide a safe social environment. Site assessments look at criteria like the size of growing space, sun exposure, soil conditions and access to water. During a site assessment, it's important to meet with the landholder as well to get a sense of their expectations of the match and flag any potential safety issues for the gardener.

Unfortunately, GSN members encountered a few landholders who saw the program as a way to get free landscaping and produce. A conversation with the landholder can quickly identify landholders who may not want to arrange a fair deal for the gardener, or who may display discriminatory or harassing behaviour. Identifying issues early on saves a lot of time in the matching process and reduces the likelihood that program staff will need to intervene later.

Landholders may not be accustomed to this approach if they've purchased landscaping services in the past. They may need to hear why it's important for the garden sharing program staff to meet with them personally.

The landholder intake form and site assessment forms (Appendices A and B) go into site evaluation criteria in detail.



Conducting site assessments

Site assessments are time consuming, including setting up an appointment, traveling to the site and conducting the assessment. The GSN intake and site assessment tools are designed to speed up that process. The online form (Appendix A, which can also be administered over the phone or in person) flags issues at the first point of contact. Information from the form is transferred to the site assessment form (Appendix B) so that the people visiting the site have the information at hand and can verify it or fill in missing details.

To reduce time spent by the GSN Coordinator on site assessments and to create economic opportunities for gardeners, GSN created a one-day site assessment training workshop to

enable community members to assist with site visits. An outline of this workshop is included in Appendix C. It is assumed that a trainer will have good gardening and people skills to share.

An important component of the training is to help site visitors recognize and respond to discriminatory and harassing behaviour. This will flag concerns that may impact gardener safety, but also acknowledges that site visitors may also encounter unsafe conditions in the course of conducting assessments, particularly if they are visibly marginalized people.

Some considerations for ensuring site visitor safety:

- Outreach materials should have images that reflect racialized people working in the program.
- Go to site visits in pairs.
- Newly trained site visitors should accompany an experienced person at first.
- The program coordinator should know when each site visitor is scheduled to do a visit and where.
- Site visitors should have a cell phone and be able to call the program coordinator or other staff person while on a visit.
- Site visitors should always carry official identification and program outreach materials if they are asked questions.
- Ask landholder to consider informing neighbours about the site visit.
- Have a sign that can be posted outside the site to indicate that a site visit is underway. This is also good marketing!
- Site visitors should report any concerns and be encouraged to talk through any incidents.

Safety example

The GSN Coordinator and a trainee, who were both racialized women, went to a house to do a site assessment. A white neighbour approached them while they were working and asked them aggressive questions about what they were doing there. The neighbour left after hearing that the two women were invited by the landholder, but the women were concerned that the neighbour was not satisfied with their explanation and was going home to call the police. They finished the assessment quickly and left in a hurry.

It should be clear during training that site visitors are expected to prioritize their own safety while responding to discriminatory or harassing behaviour in a professional manner. It may be beyond the scope of the site assessment training to fully prepare site visitors to confront potential discriminatory and harassing behaviour. Depending on the skill level of the site visitors and the context, training organizers may want to link trainees to other resources.

Gardener intake

GSN didn't develop a gardener intake process as the participating agencies had waiting lists of gardeners looking for space. The agencies were familiar with the gardeners through their urban agriculture programs and knew each person's skill level. If that relationship doesn't exist, it is important to create a tool for assessing the skill level and experience of the gardeners to guarantee a successful match.



Matching process

Once a site assessment is completed, landholders can be matched with gardeners according to proximity, skill level of the gardener and type of garden space. Successful garden matches in the past have included groups of people tending one or more spaces, or skilled individuals tending more than one space.

The gardener and landholder should meet with garden sharing staff to go

through the garden sharing agreement (Appendix D). The agreement addresses the key elements of how the gardener and landholder will work together – access to water, tools and spaces, division of labour, what will be grown and how the produce will be shared. All parties should also discuss how changes can be made to the agreement and how to resolve disputes.

GSN agencies, as non-profit organizations, asked both gardeners and landholders to sign anti-discrimination forms to encourage them to commit to respectful, non-abusive behaviour (Appendix E). Waivers were also signed to protect GSN partners from liability and to clarify responsibilities (Appendix F).

Dispute resolution

The job of a garden sharing organizer doesn't end once the match is completed! While the aim of rigorous site assessments and a matching process is to reduce the likelihood of conflicts or breaches of the agreement, they will inevitably occur. Garden sharing organizers should factor in some time and effort to resolve them. The initial agreements are a useful tool, but some mediation skills are still required.

Additional supports

Depending on organizational capacity and participant interest, garden sharing programs can offer the following services:

- Tool library
- Seeds and seedlings (including promoting a local seed library and exchange)
- Bulk buying of garden inputs (compost, mulch, rain barrels)
- Workshops
- Field trips or tours to other urban agriculture sites
- Connections to other services (cooking classes, community kitchens, social services, training programs)
- Social events
- Fundraising
- Collective marketing of surplus produce

Follow up

Check in with gardeners and landholders at the end of the season to evaluate their experience and see if they want to continue with the current match next year or if they need a new match. Even if the two parties agree to continue, it's good to revisit the agreement and ensure that none of the circumstances or understandings have changed. Suggested evaluation questions are offered in Appendix G.



Appendices

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Garden Sharing Network Landholder Intake Form

This document is based on a Google form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckbBqe74nFzxpbok39UOqKAfMOvENDIt8M55ldR1SrS0eFOW/viewform>

Sharing Your Garden

Thank you for your interest in sharing your garden! By answering the following questions, you will help us set up a good garden sharing match.

Your information will only be used for the purposes of garden sharing and we will not share it with others without your permission.

If you'd like more information about the program, please see www.gardensharingtoronto.ca

*** Required**

Email Address: * Full Name: Phone Number:	Address: Postal Code: Neighbourhood or major intersection:
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*** Preferred Method of Contact**

- Email
- Phone
- Text
- Other

*** What is the best time to reach you?**

To ensure the garden is appropriate for matching, we will need to see the space. When is the best time to visit you?

How did you find out about us?

- Posting
- Direct invitation from us
- Facebook link
- Web link
- Referral
- Other

About your garden

What are your hopes for your garden for 2018?

How much of your garden gets sun for 6 hours a day?

- None
- Small part
- Half
- Most
- All
- Don't know

What was the space used for previously? Check all that apply.

- Lawn
- Patio
- Paved
- Previous flower garden
- Previous vegetable garden
- Other

Do you have a water tap and hose to use? Yes / No

Do you have any pets that may have an impact on the garden? Yes / No

If yes, please tell us what pets you have and what access they have to the garden.

Working with a gardener

Why do you wish to share your garden?

Who do you expect to do the work in the garden?

- The gardener will need to do the work
- I can do some of the work

If you'd like to do some of the work, are there specific tasks you'd like to do?

- I can help set up the garden in the spring
- I have some time to do watering and other maintenance
- I can help clean up in the fall
- Other

How will the harvest be shared?

All to the gardener

Split 50/50

1/3 gardener, 1/3 landholder, 1/3 donation to a local food program

Other share agreement

When will the gardener be able to work in the space?

Any time

Only at certain times

Call, email or text first

Other

If only at certain times, please explain when:

Weekday evenings

Weekdays during the day

Weekends

Other

Would you like to be added to the Garden Sharing Network email list to be informed of events and offers? Yes/No

Are you interested in hearing more about making your garden more earth and water friendly? Yes/No

To ensure the safety of all garden sharing participants, we will ask you to agree to our policies against discrimination and harassment. We will share those policies with you when we visit your site.

Yes, I agree to sign policies against discrimination and harassment

I will need to read any policy before signing

I would prefer not to sign policies against discrimination and harassment

It is very helpful if you can send photos of your space. Please send photos to gardensharingtoronto@gmail.com with your address. Thank you!

Garden Sharing Network Site Assessment Form Sample

<p>Email Address: info@greenestcity.ca Full Name: Eager to Share Phone Number: <i>Initial Contact by:</i> _____ <i>Date:</i> _____ <i>Consultants/Trainees Present:</i></p>	<p>Address: 201 Cowan Ave Postal Code: M6K2N6 What is your neighbourhood or major intersection? Dufferin and Queen <i>GSN Neighbourhood / Partner</i></p>
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<p>Preferred Method of Contact: Email What is the best time to reach you? anytime When is the best time to visit you? How did you find out about us? Posting</p>	<p>Notes:</p>
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<p>What are your hopes for your garden for 2018? to grow produce How much of your garden gets sun for 6 hours a day? Half What was the space used for previously? Check all that apply.: Previous flower garden Do you have a water tap and hose to use? Yes Do you have any pets that may have an impact on the garden? No If yes, please tell us what pets you have and what access they have to the garden:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Notes about Water Availability:</p> <p>Where is the water in relation to the garden?</p> <p>How does the client feel about using their water?</p>

Notes about Sun Exposure and condition of the garden:

How much total space will the land owner share with us? _____ sq. ft / m

How much is in Full Sun _____ Part Sun _____ Part Shade _____ Shade _____

What are the current conditions of the garden:

Other site notes:

Is the site suitable for garden sharing? Y / N

Why:

Why do you wish to share your garden?

To work together and learn from each other

Who do you expect to do the work in the garden?

I can do some of the work

If you'd like to do some of the work, are there specific tasks you'd like to do?

I have some time to do watering and other maintenance

How will the harvest be shared?

1/3 gardener, 1/3 homeowner, 1/3 donation to a local food program

When will the gardener be able to work in the space?

Call, email or text first

If only at certain times, please explain when:

Would you like to be added to the Garden Sharing Network email list to be informed of events and offers?

Yes

Are you interested in hearing more about making your garden more earth and water friendly?

Yes

Can you please upload pictures of your yard?

Agreement for Anti-Discrimination Policy signed: **Yes / No**

Notes:

Sketch/Notes:

Garden Sharing Network Site Assessment Training Outline

10:00-12:00 Classroom segment

1. Land acknowledgement
2. Introductions
3. Icebreaker
4. Agenda review
5. Objectives for training
 - Preparing people for doing GSN site assessments
 - Developing employment-related skills – gardening, customer service
6. About GSN – partners, objectives
7. Yard sharing process – explain each step
8. Safety issues
 - a) Your safety when visiting sites
 - Go with GSN member or in pairs
 - Take cell phone
 - Make sure supervisor knows your schedule, inform them of changes, report in when you're done
 - Take GSN identification, outreach materials and lawn sign to place in front of site while conducting site visit
 - b) Ensuring safety of garden matches
 - Identify what would disqualify a landholder
 - Ask people to identify “red flags” – if you were to visit a site, what would make you uncomfortable? What kinds of behaviour?
 - Go through some scenarios (see below)
 - Review agency policies – anti-discrimination

9. People – customer service

a) Building a relationship

A homeowner is allowing new people into their yard for purposes of yard sharing is allowing new people into their “sanctuary.” It is important to start building a relationship by making a good first impression. Dress appropriately and communicate politely and respectfully. Identify yourself with credentials and begin the conversation by asking them how much time they have to meet and review the results of their intake form. If they have not filled out an intake form use a blank form to take notes.

Handouts: Sample intake forms

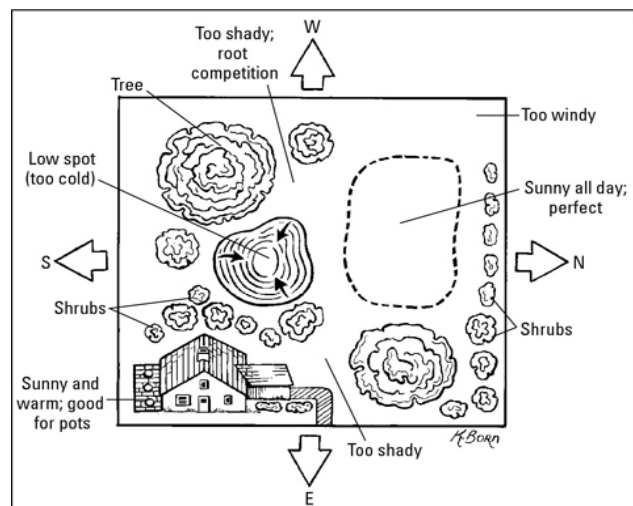
b) Understanding clients’ needs

This is an opportunity to make a personal connection.

- Do's
 - Talk about what you see in the yard, offer compliments
 - Take lots of pictures!
 - Make eye contact and listen
 - Refer to client’s words and wishes to shape agreement
- Don'ts
 - Pretend you know something you don't. Take notes and get back to the landholder once you have answers.

10. Assessing the site for vegetable gardening

- Is there a minimum of 6 hours direct sunlight to an area in the space?
- How will the gardener access water?
- What is the condition of the space?
 - existing vegetable or flower garden
 - turf garden
 - paved/tiled
 - other?
- How is the space currently used?



11. Assess the landholder's suitability for garden sharing

- How will the landholder and gardener communicate?
- How will the gardener access the space (including tools and water)?
- How will the produce be shared?
- Do they have any requests/needs for accommodation?
- Are there any foreseeable changes?

Gather information to be noted on garden sharing agreement. Note: once the landholder is matched to a gardener, they will review the garden sharing agreement together with the GSN Coordinator.

Take the opportunity to bring the landholder into a community network. Ask if they are willing to receive email from GSN or the local partnering organization once the match is complete.

Handouts: blank garden sharing agreement

12:00 Lunch!

1:00-3:00 On-site demonstration

Take trainees through a mock site assessment of a space. Test their knowledge by giving them a sample of the forms and ask them to gather the information, pointing out anything they may have missed and answering questions. If there is time, you can role play a potential land holder.

Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Scenarios:

As a representative of the Garden Sharing Network, how would you respond to the following situations? What tools do you have?

1. You and your co-worker (one or both of you are people of colour) are visiting a site and the land holder is not present at that moment. A white neighbour approaches you and asks what you're doing in a hostile manner.
2. During a site assessment the land holder asks you who are the gardeners, because they don't want any 'wet backs' in their backyard.
3. The land holder makes inappropriate comments about your co-worker's body.
4. While out on the site assessment, the land holder continuously cuts off your co-worker (who is a woman) and ignores her as she is asking questions.
5. You and your co-worker are greeted at the door by the landholder, you realize that they are following you partner, who is a person of colour, very closely and checking things constantly after they touch them.

GSN Site Assessment Training Evaluation

How did you feel about the training overall?



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Did you learn anything new today?

Yes

No

If so, what was the most important thing you learned?

Do you feel that anything was missing from the training?

Was there anything we covered that you felt was not important?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Do you feel confident that you can do a GSN site assessment?

Yes, I could do a complete site assessment on my own

I would feel comfortable doing a site assessment with a partner

I would feel comfortable doing a site assessment with a trainer or other experienced person

What would make you feel more confident about doing a site assessment?

More in-class training

More on-site training

Doing a site assessment with a mentor

More information on gardening - please specify:

Other – please specify:

Do you have any other comments?

Thank you for participating today!

Garden Sharing Network - Garden Sharing Agreement

FILL THIS IN BEFORE STARTING TO GARDEN TOGETHER

You've decided to share a garden space together, congratulations! Talking about these things ahead of time will help to make things go more smoothly. As things come up or if people get busy during the growing season and you're having trouble getting in touch, the more you've talked about, the better!



FOR LANDHOLDER TO ANSWER

Time Considerations: Are there particular times during the week when the garden space isn't available for tending?

Tool Considerations: Do you have tools to share? If so, what?

Where will they be stored, and can they be accessed if you are not home?

Soil Considerations: What is the existing soil like / do you know anything about past use of the space?

Water Considerations: Is there a water tap and hose available for use?

TO ANSWER TOGETHER - LANDHOLDER & GARDEN PARTNER(S)

WHAT WE WANT TO GROW (the fun part!!)

When making your plans about what to grow, consider what you like to eat, your site conditions, how easy to grow and productive the plants are.



Make a list of vegetables/fruits/herbs that the people involved like eating:

SHARING THE GARDENING WORK

Sometimes the yard owners are involved in the gardening and sometimes they are not. If there are going to be multiple people sharing the work, it's important to figure out how that work is going to be shared.

What is the best way to communicate with each other? (phone, email, text, in person)

What needs to happen for the initial site preparation? How/what/when?

How will watering be shared?

How will the ongoing maintenance be shared (weeding, re-planting, plant health)

You may consider a journal kept near the garden to make notes about work done/ observations

HARVESTING

How you split the harvest may depend on how the work and the costs are being shared, and on the needs of the individuals/families. The landholder should receive at least a small portion of the harvest as a thank you for offering the space, and more if costs and work are also being shared. (30%-70% / 50-50 etc.)

How the harvest be shared? Will you harvest together / both take as needed and keep each other in the loop / will garden partner harvest some and leave on back door step for landholder?

COSTS

Try and estimate what costs will be involved in creating and maintaining the garden. Is soil amendment (triple mix / compost) needed to create the garden? Other costs may include tools, hose/watering can, plants, seeds, organic fertilizers / plant health products. Remember there are lots of ways to keep the cost down. If possible, we recommend landholder investing in the soil amendment costs as benefits will be had for many years to come.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

Who can the gardener bring to the garden? (children, partners, friends, pets)

What space can be used (shed/storage/bathroom)? There is no expectation that indoor space be made available, it's a good idea to check out where the closest washroom is.

Are there locks and gates?

Emergency contact information:

Landholder:

Gardener:

If there is a conflict, what steps will we take to resolve it?

Garden Sharing Network

Anti-Discrimination/Harassment Policy

The Garden Sharing Network believes that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect and to enjoy an environment free from discrimination and harassment.

The Garden Sharing Network recognizes the social, cultural and economic diversity of our communities, and

prohibits discrimination or harassment or hate activity based on:

creed/religion*	gender identity
age*	sexual orientation*
record of offences*	race*
marital status*	ancestry*
disability*	place of origin*
family status*	ethnic origin*
level of literacy membership in a union or staff association	citizenship*
political affiliation	colour*
sex*	financial status (including receipt of social assistance)

The Garden Sharing Network is committed to the principles of equity and to creating an organization in which all service users, staff, volunteers, community members, and those with whom we do business, see themselves valued and reflected within the organization.

The Garden Sharing Network recognizes the inherent worth and integrity of every individual and strives to create a safe environment in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

The Garden Sharing Network will not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any kind. Harassment can be any behaviour, whether intentional or not, that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcoming or offensive. Harassment can take many forms including unwanted, unsolicited remarks or behaviours, or an abuse of power resulting in the embarrassment, humiliation or intimidation of an individual or group. It can also be the misuse of a position of authority to intimidate or coerce another person.

Name

Signature

Date

Property Owner:

Property User:

Witness:

Garden Sharing Network Participant Waiver

Landholder

I _____ hereby verify that I own and am entitled to administer the property located at _____, or if I am a renter, have permission from the property owner to participate in the Garden Sharing Network program.

WAIVER AND INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The Property User (s), _____ accepts and will use the premises at their own risk and agrees that neither the Owner, nor Access Alliance nor the Garden Sharing Network nor any GSN members, have made any warranties or representations respecting the suitability or condition of the premises. The User further agrees that they will indemnify and save harmless the Owner from and against any and all claims, whatsoever, including all damages, liabilities, expenses, costs and/ or any action or proceedings brought therein arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the granting and use of the premises. The User hereby agrees to release and forever discharge the owner, and Access Alliance, of and from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of or in relation to the use of the property by the User.

The Landholder (s), _____ offers the premises at their own risk and agrees that neither Access Alliance nor the Garden Sharing Network nor any GSN members, have made any warranties or representations respecting the suitability or condition of the Property User. The Landholder further agrees that they will indemnify and save harmless the Property User, Access Alliance and the Garden Sharing Network from and against any and all claims, whatsoever, including all damages, liabilities, expenses, costs and/ or any action or proceedings brought therein arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the granting and use of the premises. The Landholder hereby agrees to release and forever discharge Access Alliance and the Garden Sharing Network, of and from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of or in relation to the use of the property by the Property User.

Name

Signature

Date

Property Owner:

Property User(s):

Witness:

****NOTE**** Access Alliance, Greenest City, The Stop Community Food Centre, Toronto Urban Growers and Toronto Green Community accept no responsibility for the behaviour or either party and are in no way liable for any outcomes of this agreement.

Garden Sharing Network Evaluation Questions

Gardeners

1. Are you interested in continuing with your match next year? Why or why not?
2. Do you want to be matched with a different space? Why or why not?
3. How successful was your growing season? Why?
4. How was your relationship with the landholder? Were you able to agree on your use of the space and dividing the harvest?
5. Did they learn anything from you or did you learn anything from them?
6. Did you feel the matching process helped you establish a good working relationship with the landholder?
7. If you were to do this kind of garden sharing arrangement again, how would you do it differently?

Gardeners looking for space who didn't want to share yards

1. Why were you not interested in sharing a yard?
2. What kind of garden space were you looking for? Why?

Landholders

1. Were you satisfied with the garden sharing arrangement (process, gardener, how garden space was maintained, sharing of the harvest)? Why or why not?
2. Are you interested in continuing with the same match? Why or why not?
3. If not, are you interested in a new match?