# Sustainable Community Gardens

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Report to City of Sunnyvale for Fiscal Year 2014 Charles Street Gardens (CSG)

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

To:	Scott Morton,	Prepared by:	Eric Fulda
	Superintendent of Parks & Golf		Sustainable Community Gardens
	Public Works Department		Charles Street Garden,
	City of Sunnyvale, CA		Project Coordinator

The Following is a compliance report of the obligation of the GROUP under the agreement between City of Sunnyvale and Sustainable Community Gardens for the year 2012-2013.

City of Sunnyvale is "CITY" and Sustainable Community Gardens is the "GROUP" The Agreement is dated February 1, 2011, and compliance points are on Pages 2, 3, and 4 of the agreement.

Agreement compliance points for GROUP.

• GROUP will be responsible for all aspects of designing and building, operating and maintaining the Community Garden site.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

- GROUP shall compensate CITY for the irrigation cost by providing a metered connection for water and paying the irrigation water cost directly to the City of Sunnyvale Utility Division. **Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.**
- GROUP shall not demolished any structures, grade facilities or constructed any amenity without first having obtained approval of the CITY.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

• GROUP shall maintain the approved location for the expressed purpose of Community Gardens.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

GROUP shall assign primary responsibility for community garden plots to Sunnyvale
residents only. Those living outside of Sunnyvale may assist resident gardeners but may
not be assigned a garden plot.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

 GROUP shall assign approximately 25% of the garden plots for primary use by Senior Center Gardeners. A minimum of 15 garden plots are reserved for Sunnyvale Senior Center Gardeners.

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• GROUP shall assign approximately 75% of the garden plots for primary use by Sunnyvale resident gardeners. A minimum of 40 garden plots 64 sq/ft in size shall be reserved. For use by residents gardeners.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

• GROUP will not perform community garden services for profit, but does charge fees for each garden plot. Any fees charged for this purpose are subject to review and approval by the Director of Community Services.

Status: Charles Street Community Garden does not operate for profit. Any donations it receives from events or plant sales are used to pay operating costs.

CSG has increased it annual fee from \$50 to \$60 in 2012 and \$75 in 2013 to cover the cost of delivered garden compost and increased water cost.

• GROUP shall notify all gardeners yearly, through special notice included in all garden Plot Assignment Agreements, the terms of the Community Garden Agreement. The Garden Agreement is 5 years and shall specify that the termination date of this Garden Agreement, January 31, 2016. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with 180 days notice.

Status: These terms are specified in our gardener agreements and explained verbally at all garden meeting and CSG 101 classes given to waiting list gardeners and public.

GROUP shall provide City one copy of all by-laws, policy manuals, rules, regulation, processes and procedures it use in connection with the assignment of garden plots,, operation and maintenance of the community Garden as approved by the Director of Community Services of the City.

Status: GROUP shall comply with stipulations above, and all cited documents are available to the city and public, either on our website or yahoo group, or by request. Current copies of the above will be provided, as requested, by email.

• GROUP shall recruit gardeners from among Sunnyvale residents whenever garden plots are available and no waiting list exists. Should Sunnyvale Senior Center Gardener's garden plot(s) become available, and no Sunnyvale Senior Center Gardener is on the waiting list to become a primary gardener, the plot(s) shall remain unused until a Sunnyvale Senior Center Gardener signs up for a garden plot assignment.

Status: SCG is in compliance with the above statement.

• GROUP shall provide CITY two (2) keys to the gate of any fenced portion(s) of the Community Garden facility.

Status: Key will be provided to keep SCG in compliance with the above statement.

• GROUP shall Report participant numbers to CITY yearly on June 30<sup>th</sup> to include:

## 96 Gardening plots are assigned to Sunnyvale residents, 92 + 10 Group Gardeners.

The Group Garden was created in 2008 or training waiting gardeners.

#### **Primary Gardeners by Neighborhood Zip Codes:**

94085:	25
94086:	41
94087:	28
94088:	0
94089:	8
Total:	102

#### **Garden Users Distributed by Age:**

Youth: 36 18-35: 48 36-49: 66

50 or older (Senior): 70

Total Residents Using Charles Street Garden: 220 (Including co-gardeners, families, and shared residences) Total Primary

Gardens using CSG Qty. 102 (as stated above).

#### 100 Hours of education instruction provided to the community.

- hours by the Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County.
- 10 hours offered to the public by CSG Gardeners Bill Weaver and Art Gianfermo.
- 10 hours of speakers provided during spring and fall Open House/PlantSales.
- 12 hours provided by Charles Street Community Garden staff, Eric Fulda.
- 56 hours of educational tours were provided to visiting youth by staff.

## 890 Gardeners, Students, Visitors and Youth attended classes at CSG.

- 220 Attended Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County classes.
- 40 Attended CSG Gardening Talk by Bill Weaver and Art Gianfermo.
- Attended Speakers series at Spring and Fall Open House/PlantSales.
- 45 Attended CSG Organic Gardening 101 by staff, Eric Fulda.
- Youth received educational lecture and tour of the gardens.
- 500 Sunnyvale Residents tour the garden during special events

# CSG volunteers contribute over 4000 service hours per year.

- Gardeners give 12 service hours per year, or 1104 hours per year, total.
- 20 Staff contributes in excess of 1000 service hour per year.
- Plant Sale Volunteers contribute in excess of 1000 hours per year.
- 6 Food Forest volunteers contribute in excess of 1000 hours per year.