

University of Vermont Extension Community Horticulture Programs

Partner Commitment Form

The purpose of this form is to confirm your organization's commitment to host an Extension Master Gardener (EMG) or Vermont Master Composter (VMC) project at your site.

The form must be completed, signed, dated and uploaded to the project application at the time it is submitted. Applications will not be approved without fully completed commitment forms. Thank you.

Proposed Project Name: _____

Project Leader: _____

Assurance of project host / partner organization

For this project, I affirm that I am an employee or authorized representative of:

(name of your organization/institution/municipality).

Should this project move forward as an approved EMG/VMC project, I will be the primary contact at my organization/institution/municipality as the partner/host organization for this project.

As such, I understand that:

Extension Master Gardener/Composter volunteers involved with this project may conduct gardening/compost outreach or education on research-based gardening/compost topics but do not earn volunteer for maintaining gardens/compost without teaching in some capacity, fundraising, office support, or committee work for my organization.

While gardening is a common bond among Extension Master Gardener/Composter volunteers, the program's primary purpose is community service through education (not garden maintenance). Therefore, I will support volunteer efforts to serve our community through the education of home gardeners/composters and potential gardeners/composters using research-based information.

My organization should publicly acknowledge volunteer support from the UVM Extension Master Gardener/Composter program, including agreeing to post our project sign, putting the logo and information about the volunteer project on our website, posting information about the project on social media, and/or publicizing educational events offered by volunteers as appropriate.

Upon request, I will provide the state office with information about the project's impact to our organization and community.

If the project directly works with youth, all EMG/VMC volunteers will have completed a background check and Minor Protection Training as required by the University of Vermont. Further, all projects that involve youth must always have at least two adults present at all times.

If the project leader is unable to fulfill their duties to organize and lead the project, the state office will seek to find a replacement to continue the project. If the project is unable to continue, volunteers will do their best to relocate plants if desired. Upon termination of a project, all landscaping and garden maintenance will be the responsibility of the host organization.

If any problems arise with the project, I will first directly communicate with the project leader (listed above); if not resolved, I will reach out to the State Coordinator to reach resolution.

As the representative of the project's partner/host organization, I have read this document and I am agreeing to the terms of the partnership outlined above.

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____