Why join the PHS Community Gardens Program?

Our new services are tailored to the experiences and needs of gardens at different stages in their evolution; whether you’re an emerging, established, or mature community garden.

Let’s Grow Together!

PHS connects people with horticulture and together we create beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities.

Become a PHS member to support these efforts!
For more information, visit: PHSonline.org/get-involved/membership

For year-round opportunities visit PHS Programs and Events at PHSonline.org/events

QUESTIONS?
Email us at: communitygardens@pennhort.org

WE OFFER

CONNECTIVITY
PHS aspires to foster cohesive community garden networks where information and knowledge can be easily shared.

INTENTIONALITY, COHESION, & RESILIENCY
PHS supports community gardens by implementing or adapting organizational structure to build an inclusive environment.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES
PHS provides community gardens educational resources through a variety of trainings and workshops. Additionally, we offer opportunities for volunteer support, technical assistance, and materials.
Established Gardens

Community gardens are not established overnight and may take a few years to establish their roots. An Established Garden may have been in operation for years and is looking to build on its success.

- Active garden membership of +3 individuals
- Access to land (including permission if applicable)
- Organization structure
- Sustainability plan
- Volunteer hours

Mature Gardens

Mature gardens bear the fruits of their labor. This phase is meant to assist sites with their long term viability and sustainability which may include succession planning.

- Secured land (ownership or preserved)
- Renewed agreement
- Advertised open hours at least 1x/month
- 3-5 year plan
- Capacity to provide mentorship and guidance to emerging gardens
- Volunteer hours

Joining the PHS Community Gardens Program provides your garden support, and places you in one of three categories: Emerging, Established, or Mature. As a garden entering our program, we will help you create specialized approaches to set attainable garden goals and achieve them.

Emerging Gardens

An emerging garden is beginning to sow the seeds of something great. Emphasis during this stage is on developing the people and communal feel of the space.

- Active garden membership of +3 individuals
- Access to land (including permission if applicable)
- Organization structure
- Sustainability plan
- Volunteer hours

Expectations to advance through our program:

- Active garden membership of +3 individuals
- Access to land (including permission if applicable)
- Organization structure
- Sustainability plan
- Volunteer hours

Advancing through our program:

- Lease or written permission to grow on land
- Completion of at least 2 leadership classes
- Commitment to organic gardening practices
- Active MOU/Agreement with PHS
- Volunteer hours

Reaching advanced standing in our program:

- Secured land (ownership or preserved)
- Renewed agreement
- Advertised open hours at least 1x/month
- 3-5 year plan
- Capacity to provide mentorship and guidance to emerging gardens
- Volunteer hours

Services PHS can offer your garden:

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Established and Mature Gardens are eligible to:

- Apply to PHS City Harvest
- Join the Neighborhood Gardens Trust

For inquiries and more information about the program, email communitygardens@pennhort.org

Visit PHSonline.org/growing-organic for more details on our workshops