



- P Are there any residential dwellings on the property? If so, what will these dwelling(s) be used for?
- P Has an environmental assessment of any discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage, or release of hazardous waste on the site been completed?
- P If the property is going to be used for agriculture, provide the percentage of prime agriculture soils and a soils map of the property (contact Agriculture Extension Office or NRCS).

#### 4. EXISTING OWNERSHIP:

The ownership of this site (community garden or restoration) is to be held by the municipality, please proof of ownership. Is the property free from any lien(s), claims, encumbrances or easements that would prevent the land from being used for a Community Garden or passive recreation area? If so, please describe.

SUPPORTING MATERIAL  Copy of Current Deed/Lease

#### 5. PUBLIC ACCESS, ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND SITE CONVENIENCE:

**Public Access** is defined as the ability of the public to gain access to the property and utilize the property for passive recreation. Access must be a permanent status (ownership), a connecting easement of land not owned by the applicant will not be accepted as public access. Access must be from a public road. Parking on the public road (if allowed) will be accepted, however, an on-site, off-street parking area for public safety is preferred. **If public access is not clearly shown and defined in the application, the project will not be evaluated or awarded a grant.**

- P How will the public utilize the property? On a map, please show how the public will access and utilize the property for passive recreation.
- P What, if any, recreational resources exist on the property? Please show where these resources are, on the required map or a site plan.
- P Will passive recreational resources be developed or enhanced? If so, on the required map, please indicate where, and to what extent these resources will be developed or enhanced.

SUPPORTING MATERIAL  Copy of map showing how the public will access the property, the level of development and passive recreation the public will enjoy.

**Accessibility for people with disabilities** is a civil right defined, for these purposes, as equal opportunity for the use and enjoyment of community garden and restoration projects. Such consideration is especially relevant to newly constructed and altered elements, such as parking, gates, garden beds, and paths. Degree of required accessibility often involves a balancing of civil rights and conservation needs. For example, terrain or habitat conditions may influence the kind and degree of accessibility created on a new or altered trail.

- P Define how accessibility is to be integrated into the design and improvements of the proposal?

**Site Convenience** is defined as the location of this site relative to characteristics of the surrounding area.

- P Is the property in close proximity to an urban area or population center?
- P Please identify the major population center(s) neighborhood(s), city(ies), region(s) that would be affected by this proposed acquisition or restoration.
- P What is the population density of the subject municipality (per square mile)?
- P Is this proposed community garden or restoration in an area where significant growth/development has occurred or is planned? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_. If yes, please expand upon the level of growth and the intensity of the development.
- P Is the site serviced by mass transit? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_. If so, please explain.

#### 6. STATEMENT OF NEED:

- P Is the property vulnerable to development?
- P Has this property **received development approval** for a residential, commercial or industrial use according to local zoning? If so, explain the level of development and its impact on the area.
- P Is the proposed community garden consistent with the local Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development or other municipal or regional plans such as a Recreation Plan, Open Space Initiative or Regional Open Space Plan?

