

City Growers • General Site Evaluation Form

Use this form to evaluate sites for potential community food gardens.

Date completed: _____

By: _____

General Information

Exact address OR map-block-lot number of site (see Allegheny County Assessment website): _____

Approximate site dimensions (please include units of measure): length _____ width _____

Owner: _____

Owner contact: _____

Form of permission garden waiver lease agreement other: _____

IMPORTANT: The City Growers program can *only* assist gardens on land owned by a municipality or a non-profit group.

Garden Area

How much gardenable area is there? _____ square feet

Does this area get at least 6 hours of direct sunlight a day in spring and summer? yes no

What is the ground like in the garden area? (check all that apply)

- weeds no weeds growing asphalt/cement currently gardened
 grass water puddles on surface hard & compacted building foundation

Which characterizes the slope of the garden area? (check all that apply)

- close to level gently sloping steeply sloping

Site Conditions

On the site as a whole, are there any of the following (check all that apply):

- trees bushes sink hole illegal dumping retaining wall Knotweed

Are there any of the following wildlife at or near the site (check all that apply):

- deer rabbits groundhog other: _____

What used to be on the site? _____

Was the site ever a factory, mechanic shop, or gas station? yes no

If there was formerly a building on the site, what year was it demolished, if known? _____

Is there a municipal water supply to the garden (i.e. a metered spigot)? yes no

At or next to the site is there a (check all that apply):

- house with a downspout that is available for garden use
 a neighbor willing to provide water for garden use

Have you tested the soil for lead? yes no What is the maximum lead result (include units)? _____

- Attached: copy of soil test

Is the area lit after dark? yes no

IMPORTANT: City Growers applicants *must be able to* have a permanent, municipal water hookup at the site.

NOTE: The maximum allowable lead for City Growers sites is 400 PPM.

Community Considerations

How many garden group members live within sight of the lot? _____

Are the houses adjacent to the site occupied? yes no N/A

If yes, are the neighbors supportive of the garden? yes no unsure

Who currently uses the site and for what purpose(s)? _____