

TEMPLATE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTNER LETTER OF SUPPORT

The application for acquiring vacant lot space for gardening purposes highlights the requirement of a community group, church, organization, etc to commit to the garden, called the Community Organization Partner (COPa). While the Garden Agreement states the roles required of this relationship, efforts and involvement above and beyond those stated in the agreement language are unlimited!

We require the Community Organization Partner involved to submit a letter of support detailing what they plan to invest in the project, how they foresee their role in maintaining the space, any other pertinent information, and commitment to the sustainability of the garden. Below is an example of a letter of support from a COPa which includes the necessary information. The Community Organization Partner for your proposed project should write their own, have it signed by both the COPa and the Community Leader, and include it in the application packet.

[Date]

Jacki Walczak, Program Director
Milwaukee Urban Gardens
1845 N Farwell Ave, Ste. 100
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mrs. Walczak:

I am writing this letter in support of the community garden project known as **[Garden Name]**, located at **[Garden Address]** in the **[Neighborhood]** community.

Specifically, **[Name of the COPa]** is committed to the success of this garden and **[Here, provide details on how the project will benefit the community from the community organizations perspective]**.

[Name of the COPa] is familiar with the plans for this garden and wants to support this effort by **[Explain understanding of the short-term and long-term plans for the space, and specifically how the COPa intends to work with the community leader and surrounding neighborhood to carry out the project]**.

In conclusion, **[Name of COPa]** is fully committed to the sustained success of **[Garden Name]** in collaboration with **[Community Leader Name]** and the **[Neighborhood]** community.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with Milwaukee Urban Gardens. Please inform us on any opportunities to further the acquisition of this property, and resources potentially useful to our community.

Sincerely,

[Name],[Title]
[Organization]