

NEW GARDEN APPLICATION

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Educational Garden Project, Office of Sustainability Initiatives, Emory University

1. Who is the team? Garden teams can include staff, students, Druid Hills neighbors, and faculty--who is committed to your team and how will you provide adequate maintenance in the summer months, especially?
2. Who is willing to serve as the garden coordinator? Phone and email:
3. Location: what is the site you have chosen?
Criteria from past gardens: must have good sunlight, access to piped water, soil drainage without erosion, good visibility from passersby, and good accessibility by truck for delivery of mulch, soil, etc.
4. Unique qualities of your garden? The Garden Project seeks to make food production part of a growing sense of what it means to live sustainably. Does your plan serve these goals in any distinctive way?
 - increase awareness of local food and education about what food crops look like and how they grow.
 - remind passersby that eating locally reduces fossil fuel use and addresses global warming.
 - offer locales of respite and stillness, spaces to withdraw from the ordinary round of academic life.
 - foster an awareness of seasons and the bioregion of which we are a part.
 - offer meaningful work that increases attachment to place.
 - educating about ethnic traditions and crops from around the world.
5. Start-up Costs: Administrative permissions for a garden require that each site have a consistent metal pole and banner, as part of the Educational Garden Project. The pole and banner cost \$1500 and must be funded by the unit requesting the garden.

In addition, approximately \$200-500 is needed to pay for tools, storage bin, compost bin, construction materials such as stones, and plant signage in the first year. The Office of Sustainability Initiatives tries to provide a continuing budget line for gardens of \$200 for plant materials, soil amendments, and signs once the garden is established. Can you explain how you will raise the needed start-up funds?

Process: Once garden applications are received, they must be cleared with Campus Services, the Senate Committee on the Environment, the Office of Sustainability Initiatives and the Board of Trustees' Real Estate Building and Grounds Committee. That process can take several months. Send applications to the Garden Coordinator: gardens@emory.edu.

Existing Gardens

Depot Garden—beside the old train depot

Rollins Garden—on the south side of the Rollins School of Public Health, on the grassy slope

Cox Ravine Garden—in front of Cox Hall, along the sidewalk to the Quad

Oxford College—beside the dining hall

Center for Science Education Garden—on Oxford Road

Theology Garden—between Candler School of Theology, White Hall, and Atwood

Nursing School Garden—a medicinal herb garden

Yerkes Primate Center Garden—provides special foods for enrichment activities for the primates

The Educational Garden Project is part of Emory's Sustainable Food Initiative, and is supported by the Office of Sustainability Initiatives.