Stoughton Lowell Park Community Garden 2010
General Information, Rules, and Expectations

- **Opening date** will be mid-May, depending on weather, soil conditions, spring cleanup, and plowing schedules.
- **Closing date** will be Saturday, October 16. Please clear your plot by this day to allow for fall tilling. Any plots not cleared may be assessed a $5 fee per plot and may not be given priority for next year.
- **Plot and site care.** You are responsible for the care of your own plot and a portion of the site operation and maintenance. Plots should be cared for at least once per week.
- **Keep your plot weeded** and free from diseased plants. Any plot with weeds over 14" high or left un-kept will be mowed. A fee may be assessed and future consideration will be reviewed.
- **Illness or vacation.** If you are unable to care for your plot for an extended period of time please arrange to have some one care for your plot and harvest ripened produce. Please inform the site coordinator.
- **Abandoned Plots.** If you abandon your garden, move away, or change your phone number please inform the site coordinator. Any plot that appears to be unattended with weeds taking over and going to seed will be mowed with out noticed.
- **Stakes.** Please leave all corner and number stakes in place for the entire season.
- **Annual reapplication is required.** All present users will be given priority next season. If at the end of the season you decide you will not be returning next year please inform the site coordinator. Any users not following the rules might not be given future consideration.
- **Be good neighbors.** Keep your plants contained in you own plot. If you are planting any tall plants please keep them to the center of your plot. If planting spreading plants make sure you keep them trimmed and out of your neighbors plot.
- **Path care.** Keep the plot boundaries weeded. You are responsible to keep half of any paths bordering your garden plot. Keep plot edges and fencing clear of weeds.
- **Problem Plants.** Do not plant any perennials as they tend to spread and disrupt other plots and cause problems in the gardens next year. Tall sunflowers and tall corn are not allowed. Please consult the site coordinator if you have questions.

- **Compost.** Please put leaves and plant trimmings in the compost bins provided. If the bins become full you will be directed where to put. Do not leave compost items in the path ways or other plots
- **Mulch.** Use of organic and biodegradable mulch such as leaves, straw, and compost is allowed and encouraged. Carpet and other non organic mulch is not allowed and will be removed if inappropriate.
- **Tools.** Tools and storage for them will not be provided. This is something we would like to pursue in the future.
- **Trash.** Keep our gardens clean. All cans, bottles, diapers, plastic, and paper must be taken home when you leave the site.
- **Rocks and sticks.** Please dispose of rocks and sticks responsibly.
- **Refuse piles.** A refuse pile is available for weeds and diseased plants. Please do not put weeds and/or diseased plants in the compost bins.
- **Water.** There will be a water source available. Participants will have a key to unlock and re-lock the water source. Hoses will not be provided at this time.
- **Children.** Parents or accompanying adults are responsible for children. Children are allowed in their family's plots and designated play areas. They are not allowed in any one else's plot. Teach your children responsible gardening and how to respect others property.
- **Other plots.** Please only walk on the provided pathways or in your plot. Never remove items from another plot with out permission.
- **Parking.** Parking is available on Milwaukee St. No cars are allowed on the grass or in the plots.
- **Alcohol and illegal substances.** No alcohol or illegal substances are allowed in the park. Illegal substances are not to be grown in the garden plots.
- **Herbicides are not allowed.** The use of weed killers is not allowed.
- **Pesticides.** Use safe and healthy garden practices at all times. Use all pest controls as directed. All pesticides are dangerous, even organic types such as rotenone. Keep all products and containers away from children. Remove all containers from the garden area and dispose of properly. The Dane County Extension at 266- 4619 provides garden advice and information on safe gardening and pest control information.
- **Pets.** Pets are not allowed in garden plots. Please leave them at home.

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____

Day Time Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

The following must be signed before you will be assigned a plot:

I have received and read the General Information, Rules, and Expectations and agree to abide by its contents:

Signature: _____

The fee for each plot is $30. Please include your fee with your registration form. Make checks payable to Stoughton Recreation.