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## APPLICATION FORM

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Title Legacy Organic Garden

Location of Project (If applicable) Markham Green Golf Course, Markham, ON

Duration (months, maximum 12 months) 12 months

Request for: Spring Funding ☒ Fall Funding ☐ Either ☐

Start Date of Project March 2010 End Date February 2011

Please describe which of the following objectives your project meets and how:

- ❖ **The project provides demonstrable, widespread and lasting environmental benefits for the community;**

The Legacy Organic Garden is a community led initiative that provides a model for how community members can organize to make an environmental difference. The garden's organizers are already providing demonstrable environmental benefits through compost collection, which diverts materials from the municipal waste stream. Their commitment to organic gardening, companion planting, promotion of pollinators and wildlife and rehabilitating fruit trees onsite offers the potential to have lasting environmental benefits on land that was formerly a golf course. The Sustainability Office will use their experience assisting with the Legacy Organic Garden to develop Community Garden Guidelines, which will help facilitate more new community gardens in Markham.

- ❖ **The project is a leading environmental innovation that can be showcased by the Town of Markham;**

One of the organizers of the Legacy Community Garden, Paul West, is an experienced organic farmer. The methods that will be employed in the garden can serve as a demonstration of methods to grow vegetables organically in Markham.

- ❖ **The project promotes education, understanding and participation in environmental sustainability in the Town of Markham; and;**

This project provides a learning platform for adults and children to learn about organic farming practices and techniques, to practice conservation, recycling and composting, to experience the enjoyment and health benefits from organic vegetables and to build on the established sense of community shared by the neighbours of the garden.

- ❖ **The project supports the Town's environmental policies and strategic plan.**

The project supports the Town's environmental policies and strategic plans including:

- Building Markham's Future Together: Environmental Action Plan 5, which is to develop alternative ideas and strategies that encourage maintaining a healthier community including local food promotion and security and includes new community gardens as a milestone to measure
- Zero waste: The Legacy Organic Community Garden will demonstrate methods to move toward the goal of zero waste, including conservation, reusing materials and composting
- Natural gardening: The Legacy Organic Community Garden will demonstrate organic gardening methods
- The Green Print Community Sustainability Plan: The Legacy Organic Garden will support the goal of "Food Security: Safe, accessible and healthy food for all" and will be a pilot to help the Sustainability Office develop Guidelines for new Community Gardens

Please provide a detailed description of your project in the following space. Please attach additional pages if necessary to fully explain your project. This description should include:

- ❖ Purpose for the project
- ❖ Description of the Project Team
- ❖ What will your project accomplish? (include workplan with timelines)
- ❖ Who will maintain and monitor the project after completion? (please provide contact information)
- ❖ What are the measurable benefits of this Project?
- ❖ How will you promote the MESF fund with this project?
- ❖ Describe other funding sources/in kind support
- ❖ How will the benefits to the environment and your community be maintained after your project has been completed?
- ❖ Will there be an educational sign component. If so, please describe

**Please see page 7 for the description that addresses all of these points.**

Please also provide a cost summary including (please use attached budget forms on pages 4 and 5 to this application to provide details of the costs)

Total Project Cost	<b>2780.00</b>	Amount requested from the MESF	<b>2,500.00</b>
Amount from other sources	<b>280.00</b>	In- Kind support hours	<b>~ 3,600</b>

## BUDGET FORM

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### Other Expenses

(e.g. Printing Brochures)	100	0.50	50.00	25.00	25.00
<b>Total</b>			2,780.00	2,500.00	280.00

How did your organization hear about the MESF? (Please check one)

Town Website	_____	Newspaper advertisement	_____	Word of mouth	_____	Other	_____
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Upon completion of this Project please submit your project report, as well as original invoices, photos and records to Manager, Environmental Leadership, Town of Markham, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3. Telephone 905-415-7502. Fax 905-475-4710. Photos may be posted on the Town's website.

### Response to questions on page 3

#### ❖ Purpose for the project

This project is an organic community garden and provides a sustainable use of land which currently lies dormant. The initial size of the organic vegetable garden will be 50 x 100 feet for growing vegetables, with the expansion possibilities of up to ½ acre. Neglected apple and pear trees already existing on the land will be pruned and maintained and specific flowers will also be planted to encourage beneficial insects, honey bees and birds.

The purpose of the Legacy Organic Garden is:

1. to provide a learning platform for adults and children alike in which all receive an education in the proper practices and techniques with respect to organic gardening as a whole;
2. to promote good conservation and recycling habits;
3. to experience the enjoyment and health benefits derived from vegetables containing high nutritional levels without the detrimental effects of chemical additives; and
4. to have as much FUN as possible in the truest sense of community spirit

Sustainability Office's support of Legacy Organic Garden is in line with the implementation of Building Markham's Future Together Environmental Action Plan. By assisting the Legacy Organic Garden with the process of starting their garden, the Sustainability Office will be able to form the Community Garden Guidelines that are in the process of being developed and that will help facilitate the development of more community gardens in Markham.

#### ❖ Description of the Project Team

Legacy Organic Garden: The garden group is made up of neighbours on Serviceberry Road and Russell Jarvis Drive, which neighbours the garden's location. To date 14 families (approximately 40 people including children) have committed to participate in the community garden. There will be an organizing meeting held by the last week of February to elect a coordinator, treasurer and other roles. Currently, the contacts for the group who are organizing this application are Paul West and David Fernandes.

Markham Green Golf Course: Scott Haynes, Head Professional and Club Manager, and Don Crymble, Course Superintendent, have been supportive partners in this community-based initiative. The garden organizers and the golf club share a strong environmental ethic and a desire for the organic garden to be successful.

Sustainability Office: Victoria McGrath, Director of Sustainability and Katie Burns, Sustainability Coordinator, will provide assistance to the Legacy Organic Garden group to get a licence agreement for use of the land, meet community engagement requirements and address other concerns raised by council and staff. The experience of assisting the Legacy Organic Garden will be important for the development of Community Garden Guidelines that will help facilitate more new community gardens in Markham.

#### ❖ What will your project accomplish? (include workplan with timelines)

During the month of February, the garden organizers are seeking funding, community partners (a nearby Montessori school has already expressed interest in using the garden as part of helping students to engage with nature and food), and holding an organizing meeting to determine roles and responsibilities.

During March, a detailed garden plan will be prepared including the types of vegetables that will be grown, companion planting, boarder plantings that discourage pests (i.e. marigolds) and flowers that will attract pollinators. Seedlings will start being planted indoors starting in March and some varieties of vegetables can start being planted outside starting in April.

The entire garden will be shared between all members of the group. Instead of dividing the land into individual family plots, the plan is to assign individual tasks based on preference and ability which may be applied to the garden as a whole. The children will be tasked in the same manner as the adults and will work and learn alongside the adults in this integrated community venture. This method of shared responsibility enhances the "community" side of a community garden by having everyone work together. Furthermore, this model allows flexibility for individuals, who for whatever reason may temporarily be unable to make it to the garden (i.e. summer vacation, busy week at work).

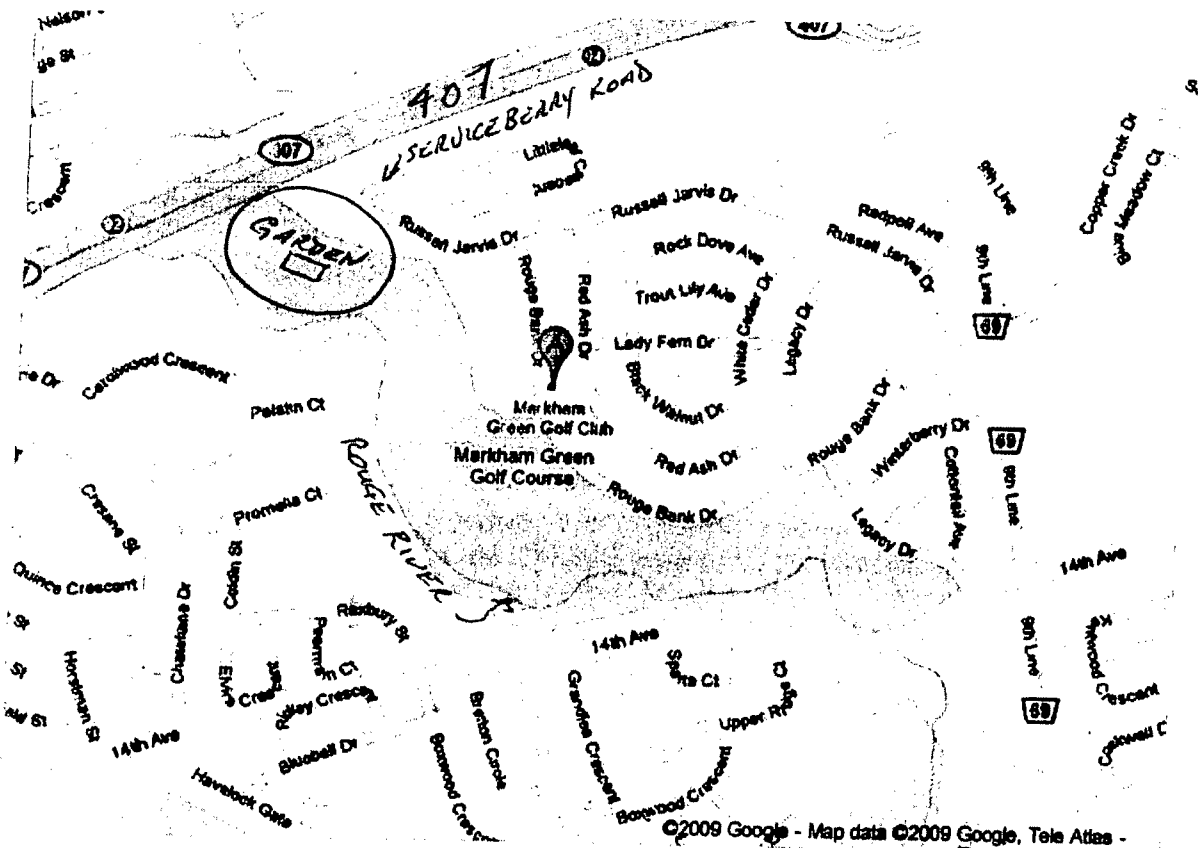
#### ❖ Who will maintain and monitor the project after completion? (please provide contact information)

This is a new project but the intent of the group is to develop and maintain this garden for many years to come. The current garden contacts are: Paul West, who is a co-applicant in this application, and David Fernandes. Once a Steering Committee has been formally elected by the group (by the end of February), the names of the Coordinator and Treasurer will be forwarded so that they can be added to this application. Once the initial start-up costs are covered, an organic community garden can be sustained through the collection of membership fees.

#### ❖ What are the measurable benefits of this Project?

The project will:

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