



The Village of Schaumburg Community Bee Garden was created to address the growing popularity of beekeeping. Participants in the community bee garden will maintain bee hives for the purpose of producing honey and other beekeeping by-products for their use. The objective of the bee garden is to provide Schaumburg residents and businesses a secure location for beekeeping and to increase the population of honeybees which has decreased in recent years. The following guidelines have been developed for participants.

### **Definitions**

#### *Participant*

A participant is any Schaumburg resident or business that is keeping and maintaining a beehive in the Community Bee Garden for the purpose of harvesting the honey and other hive byproducts for their use. All products must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

#### *Community Bee Garden Coordinator*

The bee garden coordinator is a Village of Schaumburg employee who coordinates the promotion and outreach program, participation, bee hive layout, and day to day operation of the bee yard.

### **Location of Community Bee Garden**

The Village of Schaumburg Community Bee Garden is located at 200 S. Plum Grove Road, south of the intersection of Schaumburg Road and Plum Grove Road. Parking is available in the parking lot of Our Saviour's United Methodist Church located at 701 E. Schaumburg Road. Participants must park in the parking lot and are prohibited from parking in the drive aisle. Parking is available to participants Monday through Saturday 7am to 7pm, and Sundays 1pm to 7pm. Parking is not available on Sundays before 1 pm. Vehicles are not permitted on the grass or walkways between the parking lot and the bee garden.

### **Admission Criteria**

Approved participation is valid for a single season and all participants must re-apply annually. Admission is based on a number of factors including the following:

- Participants must provide hives, bees, and equipment, including a source of water.
- Participants should be able to demonstrate beekeeping knowledge. First year beekeepers should participate in an introductory course on beekeeping prior to keeping a hive in the bee garden.
- A completed application and hold harmless agreement must be signed and submitted.
- A certificate of insurance and written proof of endorsement must be submitted.
- Participants shall first register their hives with the [Illinois Department of Agriculture](#), place the registration number on the hive, and provide a copy of the registration to the village. Suitable evidence of application for such registration may be presented to the bee garden coordinator if not received prior to installing the hive.
- Participants must be in compliance with [Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act](#).
- Participant's history at the Village of Schaumburg Community Bee Garden which includes adherence to Rules and Regulations, hive maintenance, history of positive relationships, and professional behavior.



- Space availability.

### **Permitted Number of Hives**

A participant keeping and maintaining a hive(s) in the bee garden may keep up to a total of 3 beehives per participant address. Priority for space in the bee garden will be given to participants that keep hive(s) for the purpose of producing honey and hive byproducts that remain the property of the beekeeper. The number of hives allowed for participants keeping and maintaining a beehive(s) for the purpose of producing honey and other hive byproducts for sale may be limited based on available space.

### **Hive Maintenance**

- Participants shall provide constant upkeep and maintenance of the beehive(s), and take steps to prevent or contain swarming.
- Participants shall keep a record of site visits and inspections of their beehive(s). The village has a right to request and review the records. If requested, participants must provide the site visit and inspection record within 10 business days.
- All beehive(s) must be maintained in compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act. Any beehive(s) not in compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act shall be declared to be in violation of Section 90.52 Common Law and Statutory Nuisances and shall be removed. Failure to remove the beehive(s) is also considered to be a nuisance.

### **Dates and Hours of Operation**

The Village of Schaumburg Community Bee Garden will be available to participants Monday through Saturday 7am to 7pm, Sundays 1pm to 7pm all year.

### **Prohibited Items**

The sale of honey and any hive byproducts at the Community Bee Garden location is prohibited. Any waste generated at the site must be removed and disposed of off-site by the beekeeper.

### **Fees**

There is no fee for maintaining a hive in the Community Bee Garden.

As a term and condition of participating in the Community Bee Garden, participants will be accepting a key granting access to the bee garden. Participants that are no longer able to participate shall return their key within 10 days of removing their hive(s). Participants will be charged the full fee to re-key the lock should their key not be returned within 10 days of removing their hive(s), or if the hive has not been removed.

### **Enforcement of Rules and Regulations**

Participants in the community bee garden must at all times conform to the Rules and Regulations. The bee garden coordinator has full authority to enforce all rules; any participants failing to comply will have their colonies declared a nuisance.

### **Insurance Requirements and Hold Harmless Agreement**

All applicants must provide certificates of insurance for the following types and limits of insurance. Each insurance company shall be acceptable to the Village. All insurance noted below shall not be



cancelled, reduced, or materially changed without providing the Village thirty (30) days advance notice.

Comprehensive General Liability naming the Village of Schaumburg IL as an additional insured for the Village of Schaumburg Community Bee Garden at 200 S. Plum Grove Road. Proof of written endorsement must be submitted with the certificate. The contract holder is responsible for providing the village with an updated certificate prior to expiration date. It must have a minimum coverage of \$1 million per occurrence and aggregate, and include:

- Broad Form Coverage
- Products/Completed Operations
- Personal Injury

Automobile Liability in an amount not less than \$250,000 combined single limit. Said insurance is to be extended to cover hired and non-owned vehicles.