



# PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT

## Community Partner Application

This information will be used to help POP's Orchards Committee determine whether your organization is ready to plant an orchard with POP this season. A member of the committee will be assigned as your contact, will visit the site to meet with you, and answer any questions you may have. We evaluate all applications based on four main criteria: site control; organizational capacity; the safety and appropriateness of the site itself; and plans for using the harvest.

*Please write brief answers to the questions below on a separate page.*

Once you have answered the questions in this application, please contact POP's Orchard Director Phil Forsyth: phil@phillyorchards.org or 215-724-1247.

### 1. Partner Information

- a. What is the name of your organization?
- b. Who will be the primary contact person for POP? If different, who will be the primary orchard steward/caretaker?
  - i. Name, address, phone number, email
- c. How would you define your organization? NGO, Community Association, Community Garden, CDC, Family network, Other (please specify)?
- d. What is the organization's mission statement and primary program areas?
- e. How many regular staff or volunteers help with program delivery?
- f. Please briefly describe how an orchard would help your organization achieve its goals.

## 2. Site Information

- a. What is the address or location of the site being considered for an orchard installation?
- b. Who owns the property?
  - i. If the property is not owned by the organization, what is your relationship with the property owner?
    1. Does the organization hold a lease for the property (If so, please attach a copy)?
    2. Would the owner be willing to donate the property to the organization or to another group (NGA) that can protect it from development?
  - ii. Would the owner be willing to sign a POP Orchard Contract?
- c. How large is the property?
  - i. How large is the site to be considered for an orchard installation?
- d. Is the property cleared of trash and tall weeds?
- e. Is there a water spigot on the property that can be used for watering?
  - i. If no, please detail below how you will ensure regular access to water including all necessary permissions.
- f. Does the property have a fence or other protection from vandalism?

## 3. Organizational Capacity

- a. What is your organization's yearly budget, if any?
- b. What funds, if any, do you currently have available for garden tools and other supplies for the orchard?
  - i. Are you able to hold a fundraising event to support the orchard?
- c. How many people do you expect to have available for preparing and planting the orchard once we decide on a date?
- d. How many people do you have committed to helping maintain and water the orchard?
  - i. Is someone from your organization at the site every day? If not, how often?
  - ii. Is the organization capable of year round care, especially summer?
- e. Has anyone from your organization participated in the TreeTenders Program at PHS, or does anyone have experience with gardening or tree care? If so, please explain.
- f. What else can you tell us about your ability to care for an orchard?

## 4. Orchard Type

- a. Please describe briefly what type of plants you would like your orchard to have. A list of trees, shrubs, and perennials POP typically plants can be found on POP's web site: [www.phillyorchards.org](http://www.phillyorchards.org)
- b. What do you intend to do with the fruit? Who will have access? How will you ensure that people without regular access to fresh fruit will benefit from the orchard?
- c. Are there any fruits or plants that have particular significance for your neighborhood or the people in it?