

# Rio Vista Community Gardens

**We are:** Solano Gardens, a program within Sustainable Solano, looking to get a community garden started in Rio Vista. We have been working with Jeannie McCormick to utilize a privately owned lot at **S 3<sup>rd</sup> ST and St. Gertrude's Ave** as a private garden.

**Our goal** is to help locals who are interested in starting a community garden get the tools and materials they need to create that garden in Rio Vista.

**We need:** a dedicated irrigation meter to provide water to the site, material support to create more garden beds, institutional support from the city when possible.

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- Pay for professional design, plants, materials, supplies
- Organize the initial installation days
- Provide template documents for the Garden Planning Committee
- Provide classes and occasional support post-install

## Local Org

- Leases land from current landowner for \$1/year with five-year lease for Community Garden
- Maintains insurance and pays water bill
- Two possibilities right now
  - Solano Co. Farm Bureau
  - RioVision (backup)

## Garden Planning Committee

- Future gardeners
- Approve the initial rules and regs
- Approve the initial design of the garden with Sustainable Solano's contractor
- Help locate sponsors
- *Temporary – dissolved after installation*

## Day-to-Day Group

### **"Rio Vista Community Gardens"**

- 2 – 5 gardeners
- Enforce initial rules and regs
- Coordinate garden workdays
- Assign garden beds
- Ensure garden fees are collected
- Takes over after installation



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## Rough budget

- Approximate monthly costs are about \$250/month
  - Insurance: \$100/month
  - Water: \$100/month
  - Sundries \$50/month
- There's roughly 8,200 ft<sup>2</sup> of total usable area
  - If we use half that area for a "traditional" urban garden
  - 100 ft<sup>2</sup> for beds plus the area around each garden bed
  - Minimum potential of 40 beds
    - Aim to install 20 – 30 for the first phase"
- Minimum 60% occupancy of beds
  - Final bed fee is \$167/year (for 30 beds total, 60% min.)

Total beds	Min beds (60%)	Total cost/mo.	Final mo. fee/bed	Yearly fee
20	12	\$250	\$20.83	\$250
<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$13.89</b>	<b>\$167</b>
40	24	\$250	\$10.42	\$125

## Community meetings:

Sat, Nov 11 · 3 pm

Sat, Nov 25 · 3 pm

South 3rd & St. Gertrude St.

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