



Submit an application and start growing your own healthy food!



## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### GARDEN MENTORS

Share some of your gardening knowledge and experience with a beginning gardener! You need not have your own garden plot to participate. The schedule and time commitment is flexible. Please indicate your interest in either being or having a Garden Mentor on our application.



### GARDENING EDUCATION

We will offer occasional workshops and other gardening educational opportunities throughout the year. To receive notices of these opportunities get on our email list or check out our Facebook page.



### FUTURE GARDENS

When resources allow, we hope to expand our program to develop community gardens in other Iron Range communities.



### MAKE A DONATION!

Help us continue to support local foods by developing community gardens and educational opportunities! Checks can be made out to IRPS.

## Let's Grow Together, Virginia!



Come join our efforts to help residents grow their own food!




Rent a garden plot at one of 5 garden sites around town!



Become a Garden Mentor!



For more information, contact us at [growingtogethervirginia@gmail.com](mailto:growingtogethervirginia@gmail.com), check out our Facebook page, or contact Growing Together coordinator, Dawn, at  218-750-1877.

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability  
P.O. Box 1165  
Virginia, MN 55792

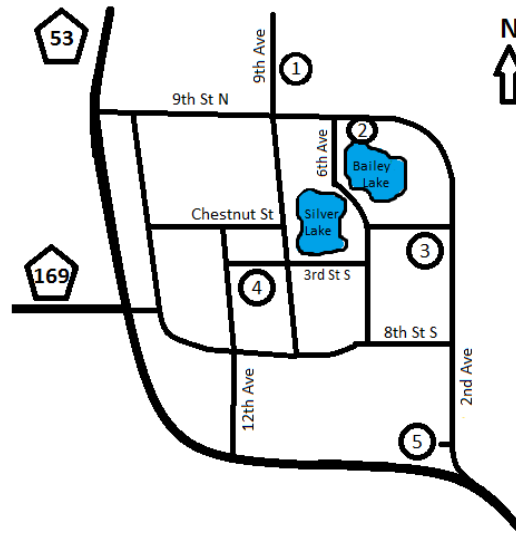


**GROWING TOGETHER** is a project created to develop community gardens in Virginia and offer gardening educational opportunities to all residents. It is part of the Rutabaga Project which was developed through a partnership between the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability (IRPS) and AEOA and is funded by Essentia Health, with the goal to increase access to nutritious, locally grown food for all residents.



During the summer of 2016, the City of Virginia provided the use of 4 sites around town, and Growing Together began developing them into community gardens. About 60 plots at these 4 sites, plus at the AEOA Youth Foyer garden, are now available to rent.

- 1) **NORTHSIDE PARK GARDEN** – Intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> St N and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, 10' x 12' plots
- 2) **NORTH BAILEY LAKE GARDEN** – North side of lake, behind Pohaki Lumber, 10' x 12' plots
- 3) **216 CHESTNUT STREET GARDEN** – 4' x 8' handicap accessible raised beds (wheelchair and standing height)
- 4) **PINE MILL COURT GARDEN** – 5' x 10' plots for PMC residents
- 5) **AEOA YOUTH FOYER GARDEN** – 302 12<sup>th</sup> St S, 4' x 10' low raised beds



**RENT YOUR OWN GARDEN PLOT!**  
If you are interested in renting your own garden plot, please fill out the attached application. Indicate your garden preference by numbering the site(s) in order of preference. If a garden plot is available for you, we will mail you your plot location and a contract to sign and return with your payment.

Plot fees are on a sliding scale, so if you are unable to pay the full amount, please indicate how much you would be able to pay. Additional plots may be available to those who are interested. Gardeners are expected to care for and maintain their gardens. No synthetic fertilizers or pesticides will be allowed, but our garden coordinators can offer suggestions on natural alternatives.

## GROWING TOGETHER VIRGINIA COMMUNITY GARDENS Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred garden site. Fees indicated are suggestions. You may pay less if necessary.

- Northside Park Garden (\$30)
- North Bailey Lake Garden (\$30)
- 216 Chestnut Street Garden (\$20)
  - I have a physical need for handicap accessible raised beds
- Pine Mill Court Garden (free)  
(for Pine Mill Court residents)
- AEOA Youth Foyer Garden (\$20)
  - I am interested in an additional plot if one is available
  - I am interested in being a Garden Mentor
  - I am interested in having a Garden Mentor

No payment is required at this time. If a garden plot is available for you, we will mail you your location and a contract to sign and return with your payment. Please mail your application to:

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_