



ANDERSON PARK
— FRIENDS —



Community Garden Opportunity

Anderson Farm County Park



Anderson Farm County Park is operated by the Dane County Parks Division and is located at 914 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575. Anderson Park Friends, Inc. is a local award winning 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Rooted is a Madison, WI nonprofit organization with a mission rooted in food, land, and learning.

Community Garden Opportunity

Anderson Park Friends, Inc. is partnering with Dane County Parks (DCP) and Rooted to create a “large-size” garden opportunity for interested individuals, churches, nonprofits, and/or businesses. Interested organizations can apply now to be considered for one of the plots. Certain limitations will apply during this 2020 pilot project. Key information is:

- Garden Location: 805 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575 (Anderson Farm County Park)
- Timeframe: May 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
- Cost: \$50 per plot
- Plot size: Approximately ¼ acre (100 feet by 100 feet); off-road parking is available
- Soil: The soil will be prepared and ready to be used on the begin date; organic concept, no chemicals
- Plants: Limited to vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers
- Agreement: Each organization or individual will be required to sign a lease and attend two orientations
- Key expectation: Applicants will be screened for their gardening experience and ability to manage a garden plot of this size. In addition, will help maintain pathways between gardens
- Holder of lease is responsible for all equipment, tools, and trash. Limited self-help water is available.
- Holder of lease will follow all regulations of Dane County Parks, including park hours. Holders will follow directions of the agricultural director and park rangers

Primary Goal

The primary goal is to improve the diets of low- and middle-income children and families. Some organizations may use the plot to grow produce for the Oregon Area Food Pantry. Another food pantry garden exists.

Need for Fresh Produce

A primary need exists in Dane County for more fresh produce-citizens, restaurants, schools, hospitals, and businesses. UW-Extension surveys report “only 23% of Wisconsin adults and 20% of high school students consumed the recommended five or more fruit and vegetables per day.” While influences on consumer food choices are complex, it is clear not everyone has the same opportunities to “access and choose healthy foods.” In addition, a hard trend exists for an increasing consumer demand for fresh produce certified as organic.

For More Information

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