

## Management Entity Letter of Support Form

In your application to NeighborSpace you will need to include evidence of support from the proposed Management Entity.

The role of the partner is a significant role and can support the larger community's effort to succeed. The framework for their partnership in context of NeighborSpace property is for the most part defined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). However, this MOU should not be used to limit additional ways they may want to be involved. That discussion is a local one—between the proposed Site Manager, Management Entity, and other community members you may involve.

What is important in the NeighborSpace application and review process is that the proposed Management Entity provides a letter of support that articulates their familiarity with the application, the plans for the property, and their commitment to the long-term success of the park or garden as a community managed open space.

Below are good examples of what should be included in this letter of support. They will need to write their own, print it out on their letterhead if appropriate, the primary leader sign it, and then either include the signed letter in your application or ask them to forward it directly to NeighborSpace.

Ms. Mary Jo Schnell  
Executive Director  
NeighborSpace  
25 East Washington St., Suite 1670  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Ms. Schnell:

I am writing this letter in support of the community garden project know as \_\_\_\_\_ (name of park or garden) and located at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of park or garden), in the \_\_\_\_ Community.

Specifically, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Management Entity), is committed to the success of this garden and (here would be a good place for this entity to speak from their perspective on the ways this garden will contribute positive things to the neighborhood).

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of Management Entity) is familiar with the plans for this garden and is wanting to support this effort by (here would be a good place to articulate the ways they will work with the Site Manager and community).

In closing, please know that we fully support the long-term success of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of garden) as a community managed open space and the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Site Manager).

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide in purchasing this property on behalf of this community.

Sincerely,

Typed name, title  
Organization/group