

FC is a Community Farm. Over the years many trees and other plants have been planted here to commemorate special occasions or because some one likes a certain kind of plant or they're looking to donate a plant they can no longer care for or . . .

While we like to encourage and accommodate these requests, we're feeling it's timely to outline a more collaborative process - one that *both* reflects our forty years of experience here *and acknowledges that climate change is significantly altering water availability, temperature patterns, and air quality, as well as introducing new pests and diseases.*

Trees, shrubs, vines and other plantings can potentially become safety and maintenance issues as they grow and mature. The labour to maintain or remove them can be can be costly and/or time consuming.

To minimize unintended consequences, new trees, shrubs, vines, perennials or potentially invasive self-seeding annuals brought onto FC property are vetted by FarmKeepers. Flagging the proposed planting location(s), *consulting with one or more resident members??*, filling out the checklist form (attached), and circulating your proposal by email ahead of an FC meeting greatly helps the process. Barry is compiling a list of potential tree sites and Michael is researching suitable fruit tree varieties.

Plants thrive under prime conditions, survive in less optimal situations and die if their basic needs are not met. Try to choose a species and variety whose preferences best match the location, weather, soil type, fertility, solar exposure, moisture and drainage available.

Consider what extra support the plant may need early in its life to get established (such as watering during droughts, weeding, composting); what ongoing maintenance it will need to reach its potential; and what attention it may need at the end of its life.

It is FC's responsibility to attend to diseased or hazardous plants.

Removal of trees/plants that are not diseased or hazardous is a matter for collective FC consideration.

If a **spontaneous planting opportunity** happens, the point person/member involved:

1. Addresses the checklist considerations before planting.
2. Forwards a completed checklist form to FC.
3. Re-locates or removes the plant at the request of FC.

We are assembling a **data base of information about all the plants** on the farm and creating a **management calendar** to help us prioritize, schedule and budget annual maintenance.

We have also started a record of special plantings and their stories. Please tell Susan if you have more to add.

Anyone wanting to "adopt" a tree or other plant that is already established, please make a request to FC so we can include your "relationship" in the Plant Database and Management Plan.

Name of Person(s) submitting request _____ Date _____

Proposed Planting - both Common Name and Scientific Name, (if known)

Proposed Location: Please mark with a stake and flagging tape and describe :

1	Is the site appropriate to the health and well being of the plant? <i>How well will your selection adapt to extended periods of heat, drought, heavy precipitation?</i> <i>What pests and/or diseases are likely to challenge it's success?</i>
2	How does the plant enhance, enrich or otherwise support FC and its operations?
3	How tall _____ and how wide _____ will the plant become?
4	What is the expected lifetime of the plant? _____
5	Will it require pruning _____. If yes, when and how should it be pruned and who will do it? _____
6	Will it be a hazard to power lines, buildings, or parking areas if it blows over or drops limbs?
7	Will it adversely affect tractor, vehicle or pedestrian traffic or other existing uses of the area?
8	Will it adversely affect nearby trees, plants, human activities or farm operations?
9	In the nearby area is there: overhead power line _____ buried water line _____ natural gas line _____ buried electric line _____
10	Other concerns / comments:

