***Zenda Community Garden Application***

Garden Season – May 1st - October 31 (approximately)

***Application must be completed and submitted along with $25 annual dues per family***

1. Name/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Address Phone Number Email

2. Optional: To help plan, tell us about your gardening experience:

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3. If there is more than one individual working in you group, please list their contact information.

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4. Photograph Permission: The Thousand Islands Land Trust staff, volunteers and the news media may take photographs at the garden. **Please sign on the line below if you allow your photograph(s) to be part of publicity materials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**  *If you do not want to be in published photographs, let any photographer you see at the garden know that*.)

5. By signing below you agree to do the following:

* Abide by any decisions made collectively by the Garden Committee (comprised of community gardeners and volunteers who participate in coordinating the garden)
* Follow attached Community Garden Guidelines *(****Please keep for your records)***
* Assist with general garden maintenance/improvements by completing volunteer hours

6. Personal Responsibility: I agree to hold the Zenda Community Garden, the Thousand Islands Land Trust, and their agents and staff harmless from any and all liability for bodily harm, damage, or loss of any kind arising from, or connected with my participation in the Zenda Community Garden.

**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name Date Signed

**Send completed application, with dues, to:**

Thousand Islands Land Trust

Attn: Jake R. Tibbles

PO Box 238,Clayton, NY 13624

Telephone: 315-686-5345

E-mail: jtibbles@tilandtrust.org

***Please keep this page for your records***

**Gardeners must acknowledge and follow the Community Garden Guidelines:**

* Gardeners are required to attend at least one planting event at the beginning of the growing season, and thereafter volunteer a minimum of 2 hours each week working the garden. Tasks will vary from week-to-week, and will be assigned by the Garden Committee, via weekly emails and private facebook group posts.
* Parents and/or accompanying adults are responsible for children. Teach your children the gardening rules, especially to respect the garden itself. Feel free to allow children to explore the Kids Korner Learning Garden and adjacent Natural Play Area.
* Adult and child garden tools, and garden equipment, will be provided by the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT). Return tools to garden shed where they can be easily found by the next gardener. Please keep garden shed clean and closed up when not in use*.*
* Grounds (including garden, compost piles, garden shed, lawn, kids areas) are to be kept free of trash, rocks, weeds or anything that may interfere with the mowing or trimming equipment.
* Pre-season tilling will be completed by TILT staff. Weed-eating around garden around perimeter during the growing season is encouraged to be completed by the Zenda Gardeners and volunteers.
* Please keep compost area picked up, weeded and neat. COMPOST IS FOR USE AT THE ZENDA COMMUNITY GARDEN ONLY. AND PLEASE DO NOT BRING COMPOST FROM HOME.
* In an effort not to waste water, a watering system has been installed. Please refer to Garden Committee for instructions on how to operate and maintain watering system and hoses.
* Never use any chemical herbicides (weed killers)! Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are strictly prohibited. Gardeners are encouraged to employ their own organic pest control methods when needed.
* End-of-season clean up and breakdown of the community garden must be completed by the Zenda Community Gardeners. Weed fabric and watering system will be removed and stored at the discretion of the Garden Committee.
* Dogs and other pets are not allowed within the garden area. Dogs and other pets are always allowed on the leash at the Zenda Farms Preserve.
* All gardeners must re-apply to participate in the Zenda Community Garden each year.

***Gardeners and volunteers involved in the Zenda Community Garden must work together as a committee to delegate time and tasks, maintain the garden, problem-solve and fundraise (in-kind donation request letter template available, if needed). Thousand Islands Land Trust staff is happy to help, but has limited capacity, especially during the summer months.***

Thank you for your interest in the Zenda Farms Community Garden!