



PRIDE OF THE PANTRY PLOTS

Mission, Values, Vision,
& Bylaws

MISSION, VALUES, AND VISION FOR THE PRIDE OF THE PANTRY PLOTS

Mission:

The Pride of the Pantry Plots community garden supports the Cascade Food Pantry's efforts to provide healthful food to local residents. Through partnerships with private and public agencies it promotes experiential learning centered on gardening, with a goal of promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Values:

- Healthy Eating
- Education
- Strengthen Community Relationship
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Life-Skills Building
- Healthy Cooking
- Youth Component

Vision:

Growing healthy people through gardening.



Phase 1:

- Build 32 raised beds
- Install irrigation system
- Deliver and fill the beds with soil
- Promote and gain interest in the community to participate 2015 season
- Provide educational classes with the support of the U of I Master Gardeners, St. Luke's and Alpha Nursery



Phase 2:

- Troubleshoot concerns from the first growing season (deer, tool shed, garden rules and guidelines, season extension, etc.)
- Continue to work on linking the school system with growing initiative
- Fundraising

Phase 3:

- Address interest in season extension (greenhouse design including hoop houses, cold frame, passive solar, or geothermal)

ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION AND STRUCTURE

The Pride of the Pantry Plots (PPP) is a volunteer-led initiative supporting the Cascade Food Pantry's efforts to provide healthful food to local residents. The Pride of the Pantry Plots Steering Committee (PPPSC), a subcommittee of Cascade Food Pantry Board of Directors, makes operational decisions for the garden and expends funds that have been designated for PPP. The Cascade Food Pantry Board has final authority over decisions made by Pride of the Pantry Plots Steering Committee ensuring that PPP is aligned with Cascade Food Pantry's mission and purpose.

The Cascade Food Pantry is located at:

Cascade Food Pantry
1470 S. Main Street
PO Box 799
Cascade, ID 83611

Community Garden Structure: Each plot participant will be responsible for growing, maintaining, and harvesting their garden throughout the season. Please see the Garden Application for plot holder responsibilities.

Everyone is eligible to participate. If needed, a waiting list will be created. The garden beds will be first come, first serve for plot holders. Seniority will be given to existing plot holders. Participants will be allowed to reserve two plots before June 1st, and then after June 1st they can reserve as many as they would like.

Garden Fees: Available plots can be reserved in the fall. Existing plot holders will need to reserve their plot for the following season by the closing date of the garden. A garden guideline's application will need to be completed at the time of plot reservation and payment will be collected. The garden fees are \$10 per plot and \$15 per plot with a frost cloth. The fee structure is flexible and may increase after the first year pilot program in order to account for depreciating costs of the garden.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The garden will be under the guidance of the PPPSC. The committee will serve a two-year commitment and will be replaced by the current steering committee nominating new members with staggered terms. Nominations will be held each year in order to ensure consistency in garden leadership. The steering committee will meet quarterly, unless there is a need to meet more often to address phase 1, 2, or 3 planning needs. There are no official officers in the steering committee.

Decision making: The primary time for decision making is during the quarterly steering committee meetings. If a committee member would like to propose a change concerning the physical infrastructure an email needs to be sent to fellow steering committee members. A request for a response from the steering committee within a designated timeframe should be sent and if the majority of responses are in support of that modification, then the committee member can move forward with the initiative. If the decision is financial in nature, then the request needs to be directed to the Food Pantry Staff. If the by-laws or garden guidelines need amending this can be done by the Pride of the Pantry Plot Steering Committee with approval of the pantry Board of Directors.

Fundraising: The PPPSC and Cascade Food Pantry Board will work with garden volunteers to plan and execute fundraising activities to support Pride of the Pantry Plots.