

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR COMMUNITY
GARDENING PARTNER GROUP COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

The Notice of Community Gardening Partner Group Cooperative Agreement was published in the *District of Columbia Register* (DCR) on November 1, 2019, at 66 DCR 014520. The original thirty (30) day public comment period, scheduled to end on December 1, 2019, will be extended to January 6, 2019 due to miscommunication regarding the online form to submit comments on this matter. Pursuant to this extension all comments received by Monday, January 6, 2019 will be considered.

DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will implement a revised Community Gardening Partner Group Cooperative Agreement (Gardening Agreement) which shall be used to standardize the rules and expectations of gardeners at the several community gardens on DPR property throughout the city. The general purpose of this agreement and the corresponding rules and guidelines is to promote and ensure fairness in the process for gardeners to obtain a gardening plot, provide rules governing how gardeners may maintain good standing in a community garden and to provide guidelines for the structure of each community gardening partner group. As part of this effort, DPR is also noticing the Community Garden Bylaws Guidance and a new Garden Code of Conduct. Pursuant to the implementation of the Gardening Agreement, and the corresponding bylaws guidance and code of conduct, DPR will accept and review public comments on these documents.

Comments may be submitted online or through written correspondence. The Gardening Agreement is available for review and comment at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dprcommunitygardenscomments>. DPR Garden Code of Conduct and DPR Community Garden Bylaws Guidance are available for review at: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/community-gardens-frequently-asked-questions>.

Interested persons may submit written comments within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice. The written comments must include the person's name, telephone number, affiliation if any, mailing address, and statement outlining the issues or support surrounding the implementation of the gardening agreement, bylaws guidance and/or code of conduct. All relevant comments will be considered in implementing these changes. **Written comments postmarked after January 6, 2019 will not be accepted.**

Address written comments to:

Department of Parks and Recreation
Kathleen Rehwaldt
Office of Partnerships and Development
Attn: Gardening Agreement Comments
1275 First Street, NE, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20002