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### **Green thumbs wanted for Yorkville's new community garden**

Yorkville, Ill. – Think green this spring when you purchase a garden plot from the United City of Yorkville's Community Garden project.

The city's Human Resource Commission is in the developmental stages of piloting a community garden beginning this summer. A total of 50 plots will be available on city property located north of Home Depot on Cannonball Trail.

Reserve your plot today! Two sizes will be available and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The fee for a 10 X 10 plot is \$20; a 15 X 20 plot is \$35. Only one plot will be assigned per person until April 15. Gardeners can request more than one plot after April 15 if available. A waiting list will be established when all 50 plots are reserved.

Anna Schwein, a member of the Human Resource Commission and coordinator of the project, feels that the garden will be a great addition to the community. "I know that there has been a lot of interest in Yorkville for a community garden," Schwein said. "The Mayor has been suggesting the idea for quite awhile. This is the first year, and I am sure there will be some things that will need to be worked out, but I am willing to start the project and hopefully see it prosper year after year."

Both Schwein and the other HRC members are hoping that community groups and organizations get involved and join forces to grow fruits and vegetables for those in need.

A list of guidelines and an application form are available on the city's website at [http://www.yorkville.il.us/applications\\_permits.php](http://www.yorkville.il.us/applications_permits.php). For more information e-mail [yorkville-garden@comcast.net](mailto:yorkville-garden@comcast.net) or call 630.553.4350.