

Garden Site

The Farm on Franks has transformed an unused plot of land at 7087 Franks Avenue, which once was Jozwiak Park, into a productive and sustainable garden and educational experience.




The area will be managed by the Village of Niles, but will be maintained and enhanced entirely by community volunteers and financed through grants and local donations.

Mission

Farm on Franks community garden helps build community by providing educational opportunities to develop organic sustainable food systems, by beautifying our neighborhoods and by increasing outdoor activity.



If you would like to...

-  **Join Farm on Franks to garden**
-  **Make a donation to support the Farm on Franks**
-  **Or learn more about community gardening**
-  **Donate land to be used as a future community garden**

Contact...

Niles Public Works

(847) 588-7900

vniles.com/farmonfranks



Help Wanted

Contributions Needed

Visit the Village of Niles website at www.vniles.com to find out how you can contribute to the Farm on Franks.



Farm on Franks A Niles Community Garden

7087 North Franks Avenue
Niles, IL 60714

“A place for you and your plants to grow”



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Why Community Gardens?

The interest and need for community gardens continues to grow! Unused areas of land provide garden space for those without land or those who want to benefit from community-building and learning opportunities that community gardens provide.

Community gardens also play a role in fighting hunger, improving health and nutrition, and developing leadership skills for all ages.

- Know where your food comes from
- Make new friends
- Save money on grocery bills
- Improve your sense of accomplishment
- Connect to the environment

Farm on Franks Features

- (28) 4' x 8' x 1' Garden Plots for Rent
- (1) 4' x 8' x 1' Demonstration Plot
- (4) 3' x 5' x 3' Universally Accessible Garden, 1 of which will benefit the Niles Food Pantry
- Handicap Accessible Path
- Community Tool Shed
- 3 Composting Bins
- 6 Rain Barrels (Courtesy of the MWRD)
- 2'-3' Paths for Accessibility
- Fence (to prohibit wildlife)
- Educational Signage

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY YOU LOVE!

Volunteer to Maintain...

The Village will be in need of volunteers to maintain the demonstration and universally accessible garden and keep the entire site weed-free. Harvest proceeds from the public plots will be donated to the Niles Food Pantry.

...Donate to Grow

In order to make the vision of the Niles Community Garden a reality, we need support from local businesses and residents. Multiple sponsorship opportunities are available.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

ComEd/Openland Grant Funding
Tru-Link Fence
Presence Health
Lurvey Landscape Design
Friends of the Niles Public Library
Golf Mill Ford

Home Depot
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Katy Darr
Theodore Skonberg

Join the Farm on Franks

Twenty-eight public plots will open for rent each January along with two volunteer-maintained demonstration plots. The rental process includes an application with guidelines for maintaining a plot and a small fee to help offset the cost of water and maintenance.

The two volunteer-maintained plots include a demonstration and universally accessible garden, both supplying fresh produce to the Niles Food Pantry.

The universally accessible garden plots provide the opportunity for senior residents and younger generations to work shoulder to shoulder. These gardens are raised approximately 3 feet so renters can work in the gardens without having to stoop down.

