

PHASE PLANNING FOR AN OPEN SPACE PROJECT

- Site feasibility study and soil analysis
- Map of site
- Title research (ownership of property)
- Permission to lease lot, rental fee and insurance
- Neighborhood evaluation
- Community contact and support for project
- Open community meetings on regular basis
- Planning open space—design options and usage
- Work schedule (Remember you don't have to do it all at once.)
- Debris clearing techniques, contacts; set-up a compost heap
- Budget for program—include tools, insurance, materials and maintenance costs
- Sources and storage of tools and materials
- Fundraising, press, posters
- On-site coordinator(s)
- On-site sanitation—litter baskets, trash barrels, removal of trash
- Perimeter problems
- Year-round scheduling

HELPFUL HINTS

- If a vegetable garden are is going to be added into your project, emphasis must be placed on soil preparation.
- Soil analysis and preparation—suggest soil additives, cost and sources.
- Basic horticultural procedures—group education, determination of type of plant material needed.
- Work with the season, not against it. Fall, Winter and early Spring are for soil preparation. Spring and Fall are times for seeding and planting.
- Insect and disease identification, prevention, and integrated control.
- Watering sources, supplies, timing and water conservation.
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