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EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS, AND SKILLS QUESTIONNAIRE

On these pages, please tell us about your volunteer experience, specific interests, and skills.

How did you hear about the local Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Volunteer Training Program? If a particular EMG referred you, please include their name.

What made you decide to pursue certification to become an EMG volunteer?

What description best describes you? Beginning gardener, experienced gardener, professional horticulturalist, or specialty gardener (e.g. orchids, roses, vegetables)? Tell us about your gardening background?

EMGs are **volunteers who provide public education** about sustainable landscaping and urban agriculture best management practices. Public education can take many forms such as: giving a formal presentation at a community library; manning a display table and answering questions at an event such as the Arlington County Fair; or answering questions at one of our Farmers Market plant clinics.

Are you willing to be a volunteer public educator for the EMGs, and do you have any previous experience (formal or informal) being a public educator?

Do you have other volunteer experience that we should know about?

Please help us learn about your horticulture experience or interests. Place an “E” to indicate you have experience in the following categories, or place an “I” to indicate you have an interest in a particular category.

	Adaptive gardening/Gardening with Aging		Native plants
	Animals/Gardening for habitat		Organic growing
	Annuals		Perennials
	Birds		Pest management
	Botany		Plant disease
	Bulbs/Corms/Rhizomes		Pollinators
	Composting		Ponds/Water gardening
	Container gardening		Propagation
	Edibles/Vegetables		Pruning
	Flower arranging		Rain gardens
	Flowers		Roses
	Fruit trees		Shade plants
	Gardening with Youth		Shrubs
	Greenhouse		Soils
	Herbs		Trees
	Houseplants/Tropical plants		Turf care/Turf establishment
	Insects		Waterwise gardening
	Invasive species		Water quality
	Landscape design		Xeriscaping

If you would like to share more about your interests, knowledge, or experience in the above categories, please do so here.

Please list any memberships you hold in garden or horticulture groups: (ex: American Orchid Society, garden club, etc.)

The many activities that EMG support require diverse skills in many different areas. Please let us know about your non-horticulture abilities that may be of value to EMGs. Place a check next to all that apply)

Computer Proficiency		Art and Publication	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't use a computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Videography
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use a computer for email only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some familiarity with computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scrapbook design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extensive use of computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graphic design
Specific Computer Skills		<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Editing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desktop publishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proofreading
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft Word	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft Excel	Business	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance/auditing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft PowerPoint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft Publisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing/advertising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Web design/management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program management
<input type="checkbox"/>	WordPress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales/fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Travel/tours
Social Media		Training and Leadership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leading groups (scouts, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public speaking
Other		<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with youth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with at-risk youth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooking/baking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with seniors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Planning	Languages	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other languages spoken:
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfortable in conducting programs in this language

Do you have any other non-horticulture skills that you believe would be of benefit to the EMG program? If so, please tell us about them.

I attest the information I am providing in relation to my skills and experience is valid to the best of my understanding.

Signature: _____ Date: _____