

2019 Forest St. Community Gardens

The Year of Construction and Change

Hey past and future gardeners! I'm Tami and my hubby Bob "manage" the Forest St. Gardens through the North River Fronts Neighborhood.

I want to share with you what we know is going to be happening in 2019. I believe the year will start much the same as all other years since the Forest St. Gardens were founded... *just about 10 years ago! My how time flies!!!*

Now is about the time you all will consider starting plants for this season. Please be assured that your efforts will have a home if you treated last year's gardens with care and respect.

What we have been told is that gardeners will be able to plant this year's beds as we have in the past.

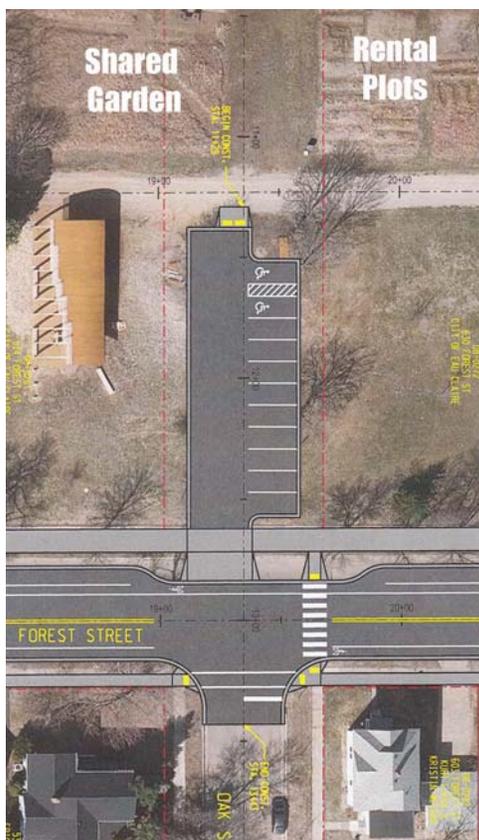
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http://eauclairecommunitygardens.com/forest_st/paypal_membership.htm

Once you have been acknowledged by us we will start renewing and assigning plots.

As the season changes into spring please feel free to supplement the soils of your renewed beds as desired. You will have access to your plots as you have in past years.

Things will start changing when the City starts preparing the "old" River St. to become part of Eau Claire's trail system - eventually linking up with the High Bridge. This construction preparation will most likely happen in July. When this occurs gardeners will have to plan to park on Elm or Oak St. and walk into the gardens. You will also be able to park on Forest St. until demolition begins.



Harvest season will be a challenge. Folks will have to park on one of the side streets and then come into the gardens. Another option would be to ride a bike into the space from Phoenix Park and follow the berm along the bank of the Chippewa River.

When construction is complete in early November (if all goes well) there will be a parking lot off of Forest St. that will facilitate the gardens, pavilion and trail. You can see that this lot will allow easy access to the South Plots and the Shared Garden.

Limited access will be arranged to get large loads of things like compost delivered to the gardens by crossing the trail. (The yellow line off of the new parking lot will be the access gates.)

Other things that will be changed as the street and trail are completed include: electricity to the pavilion, down casting trail lights, war specific markers, a bathroom facility - with completion slated for 2022.

The City will start taking out aging tree stock and boulevard ashes. The City is weighing the merit of taking out the white storage shed. This decision will most likely impact the compost area.

Garden / Pavilion Parking Lot If there is any advise I'de have to offer it would be please be prepared to be flexible! We've built an impressive community at the gardens - let's show more folks the joy of growing your own food.