MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE BARRINGTON BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A TEACHING GARDEN

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") sets forth the terms and understanding between the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District ("District") and the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club ("Rotary") regarding the Teaching Garden on the Barrington Area Library campus.

1. Background

In 2019, following a District HVAC renovation project and subsequent demolition of a cooling tower, the District was left with an unimproved portion of the Barrington Area Library's campus in need of soil remediation. Library staff enlisted the assistance of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners to reimagine the unimproved area as a space for library programs and community enjoyment. Such a space, the Teaching Garden, would have a strong focus on cultivating native and pollinator plants, educating Library customers about sustainable gardening, and providing an improved space on the library campus for community members using the multipurpose trail behind the library building.

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary's Environment Committee approached the District searching for projects in need of funding that serve the Committee's goals of improving environmental features in the Barrington area and promoting sustainability in the region. Through a series of meetings composed of District staff and Committee members, a partnership between the District and Rotary was formed to establish the Teaching Garden with a combination of Rotary donated funds and District funds.

2. Purpose

The goals of the Teaching Garden are to:

- Provide an outdoor learning space for District library programs.
- Provide an outdoor space for non-exclusive use by community members.
- Raise awareness of the Rotary's commitment to improving the environment of the Barrington area.

In service of these goals, the District will:

1. Design, develop, and manage all processes related to the library programs detailed above.
2. Coordinate, according to District policy, the efforts of all volunteers, service professionals, or other paid staff related to any activity in the Teaching Garden.
3. Direct the design and layout of the Teaching Garden, including the placement of any permanent or temporary fixtures or garden features, the selection and placement of any plants, and the landscaping techniques to be employed in the Teaching Garden.
4. Maintain, through the enlistment of volunteers, service professionals, or other paid staff, the Teaching Garden grounds, District-owned fixtures and features, and any pathways according to District landscaping standards.
5. Provide space for signage or features bearing the Rotary's name or mark, subject to the design and placement discretion of the District described above.

6. Provide the Rotary three reserved uses of the Teaching Garden per year, subject to the scheduling discretion of the District and its Meeting Rooms Policy.

In service of these goals, the Rotary will:

1. Provide and maintain all signage or features bearing the Rotary's name or mark, subject to the design and placement discretion of the District described above.
2. Provide the services of Rotary volunteers to be directed by the District from time to time for the purposes described in this MOU.
3. Provide all personnel, supplies, and any other resources required for the Rotary to exercise their reserved uses of the Garden in compliance with the District's Meeting Rooms Policy.

3. Funding

Ongoing costs for all care and maintenance of the Teaching Garden grounds and District-owned features and fixtures are the sole responsibility of the District.

Costs for the fabrication and installation of any signage or features bearing the Rotary's name or mark are the sole responsibility of the Rotary.

Outside of these two commitments, this MOU should not be considered a commitment of funds for any other purposes by the District and Rotary.

4. Non-Enforceability

This MOU is a non-binding statement of the District and Rotary's mutual understanding of their proposed partnership. This MOU is not intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations in respect of either party, including any obligation on their part to enter into any supplemental agreements related to this MOU.

5. Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by the mutual consent of authorized individuals from the District and Rotary. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the District and Rotary and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from the District and Rotary, this MOU shall end on September 14, 2022.

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President, Board of Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District	President, Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club