

Dear _____,

Thank you for your recent inquiry. We receive many requests from individuals throughout the area seeking help from the Lakelands Master Gardeners.

Often we can be of assistance. Our mission under Clemson Extension is to teach and train members of the community to plant and tend their gardens, parks or community areas. When we adopt a project we try to make sure that we will be working with individuals who reside or will volunteer in that specific area. The goal is to ensure that the project can be turned over to those who have been trained so they will maintain the “Community Project” in the future. Our training involves how to check and amend the soil, designing an area or park, selection and planting the initial plants and pruning. We will also work with outside sources hired by the sponsor, to oversee those areas we cannot physically handle such as, planting of large trees, installing irrigation, grading work and laying sod.

There are certain areas where we do not become involved. For instance, we do not provide maintenance tasks, such as weeding, raking leaves, laying mulch, or planting annuals on an on going basis. We simply do not do stone paths, any concrete walkways or installation of large containers, benches or garden art. These areas are not part of our expertise. Finally, we will not undertake any feature of landscaping, which is not recommended by Clemson University’s Extension Service.

We have included a project request form for you to complete and return. Once you have sent it back, our “Community Projects” committee will review your request and contact you. We hope we can be of service to you and your community or association. That is our primary goal, to help green and beautify our region.

Sincerely,

Lakelands Master Gardeners Association
Community Projects Committee

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

The Lakelands Master Gardener Association is a volunteer non-profit organization affiliated with the Clemson Extension Service. It is devoted to the following: (1) Sharing horticultural information and guidance, (2) Providing volunteer service to improve our communities,; and (3) Encouraging local environmental beautification and preservation. Our goal for each project is to help establish the project while turning the everyday maintenance over to the owner of the project at completion.

Your request will be considered by our membership. Since our members are volunteers, there are restraints on the number of projects we can undertake. Your request will be evaluated based on the number of our current projects and our ability to provide the services you request.

Lakelands Master Gardener projects must be approved by the Community Service Committee, and interested persons are asked to complete the form below and return to: Lakelands Master Gardeners Association, P.O. Box 246, Greenwood, SC 29648. Please call 864-223-3264 with any questions.

Briefly describe your organization and its purpose:

Description of purposed project:

Address and location of project:

Is there a water sources at the proposed site?

What assistance are you requesting from our Association (including starting time, finish date, and number of possible hours involved)?

Please check the category that most fits your request:

- educational (e.g. formal training, speakers)
- consultation (e.g. design assistance by phone or on-site)
- hands-on (e.g. design, planting)

Amount of funds available to furnish plants for project? (Plants are not provided).

On site person or persons to learn maintenance and to maintain finished garden:

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone: _____