

Memorandum

Community and Economic Development Department

To: Rock Island City Council
Subject: Community Garden Locations Update
Date: December 21, 2022



The Community Garden Program continues to be a highly successful amenity offered by the City to residents. In the 2022 season, there were twenty-five sites under cultivation over about four and a half acres of otherwise vacant City-owned land. This program not only provides participants with the opportunity to grow fresh food but also helps the City to reduce costs in the management of its vacant land.

Each year, staff review the status of City-owned properties enrolled in the Community Garden Program. Six (6) properties enrolled in the program are in the process of being sold. Staff recommend replacing the properties with six (6) other City-owned properties that are currently vacant. This will keep the overall number of sites in the program the same as before. The following table lists the 2022 garden lots being removed and the recommended replacement lots for 2023. A map showing the garden lot locations is also attached.

2022 Removed Garden Lots	2023 Replacement Garden Lots	Location on Map
515 5 th Avenue	930 10 th Avenue	Site 1
517 5 th Avenue	510 14 th Avenue	Site 2
705 9 th Avenue	900-906 12 th Street	Site 5
422 8 th Street	1602 9 th Street	Site 11
601 5 th Avenue	624 7 th Street	Site 15
518 14 th Avenue	1603 8 th Street	Site 18

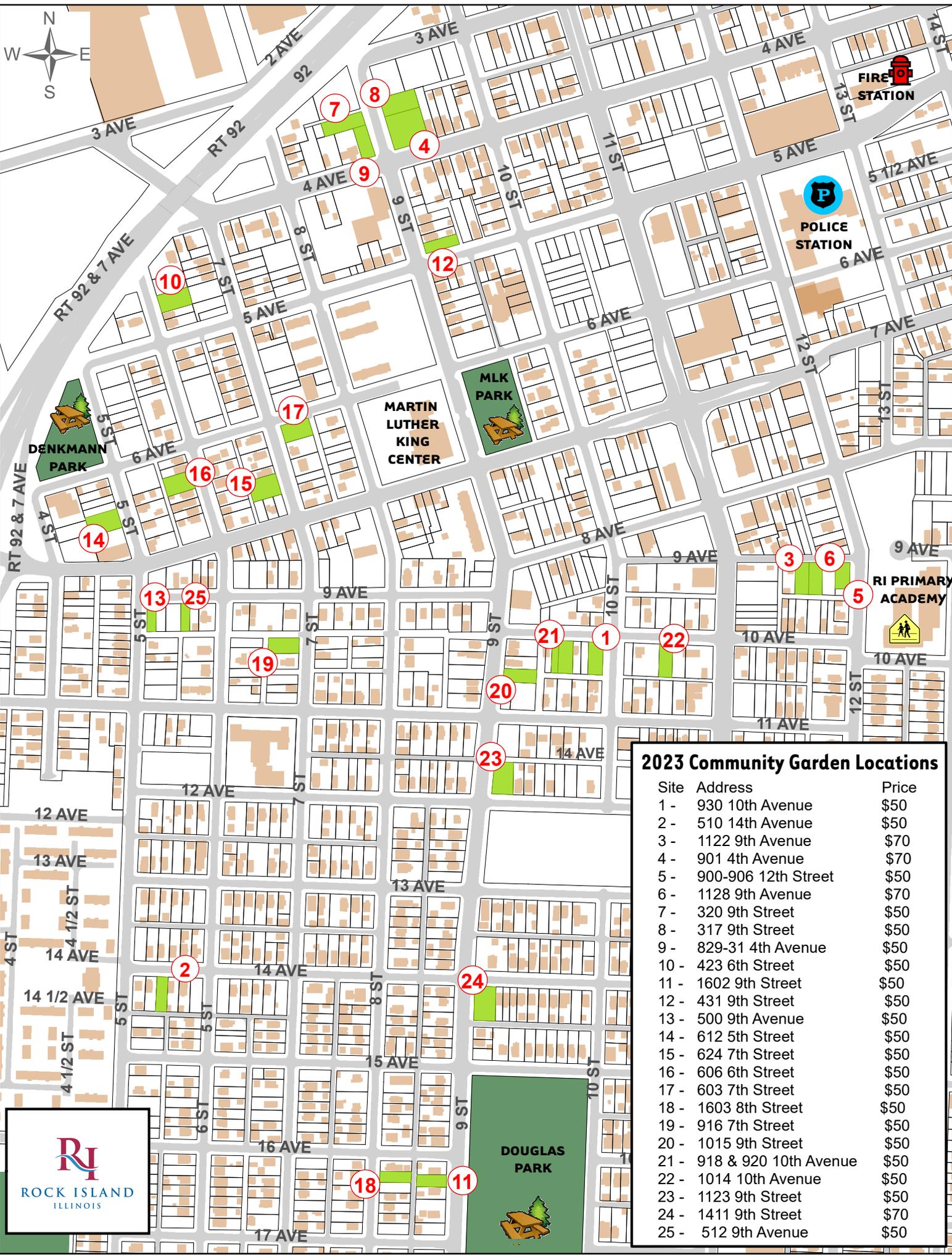
Per the program policies, this change requires the approval of the City Council. Staff believes this change will help to maintain the appropriate number of sites for the program and continue to reduce land maintenance costs for the City.

Recommendation:

The Community and Economic Development Department recommends that the City Council approve the changes to the locations of Community Garden sites for the 2023 season.

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Approved by: Todd Thompson, City Manager



2023 Community Garden Locations

Site	Address	Price
1 -	930 10th Avenue	\$50
2 -	510 14th Avenue	\$50
3 -	1122 9th Avenue	\$70
4 -	901 4th Avenue	\$70
5 -	900-906 12th Street	\$50
6 -	1128 9th Avenue	\$70
7 -	320 9th Street	\$50
8 -	317 9th Street	\$50
9 -	829-31 4th Avenue	\$50
10 -	423 6th Street	\$50
11 -	1602 9th Street	\$50
12 -	431 9th Street	\$50
13 -	500 9th Avenue	\$50
14 -	612 5th Street	\$50
15 -	624 7th Street	\$50
16 -	606 6th Street	\$50
17 -	603 7th Street	\$50
18 -	1603 8th Street	\$50
19 -	916 7th Street	\$50
20 -	1015 9th Street	\$50
21 -	918 & 920 10th Avenue	\$50
22 -	1014 10th Avenue	\$50
23 -	1123 9th Street	\$50
24 -	1411 9th Street	\$70
25 -	512 9th Avenue	\$50