

# Lawrence Fruit Tree Project **COMMUNITY PARTNER CHECKLIST:**

LFTP provides its community partners with orchard design assistance, event organizing, training in orchard care and may provide plant material. The community partner is responsible for ongoing care of the orchard, distribution of the harvest and possible fundraising for planting costs. The following qualifications must be completed by the applicant group prior to acceptance as a LFTP community partner:

## **Stage 1: Partnership Requirements**

- Submit a completed LFTP Community Partner Application form
- Clear the site of all trash, vehicles, rubble, and tall weeds
- Demonstrate convenient water access and protection from vandalism
- Confirm access to hoses and other essential supplies needed to maintain orchard
- Soil tests will be required for suspected polluted properties
- Agree to have a person from your group participate in another LFTP workshop or orchard planting

After completion of the Stage 1 requirements and selection as a LFTP community partner, one of LFTP's project coordinators will work with the partner group to develop an orchard plan and guide the group through scheduling site preparation and orchard planting activities

## **Stage 2: Planting Preparations**

- Hold a meeting with the LFTP project coordinators to discuss plans for the orchard
- Submit a LFTP Contract signed by both community partner and the property owner (if needed)
- If Necessary perform a soil test for the proposed orchard site and share the results with LFTP
- Acquire all necessary equipment and supplies for soil prep and planting: Shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes(?), compost and mulch(?), newspaper or cardboard for sheetmulching(?), hoses for watering(?), pruners for maintenance(?)
- Complete sheetmulching or other soil preparation for the orchard area
- Set a planting date with LFTP and inform volunteers from your community about the orchard installation and how they can be involved