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TO: Prospective Rutgers Master Gardener Interns

FROM: Stephen Komar Lisa Chiariello
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RE: **Rutgers Master Gardener Training (Sussex County)**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener. On the reverse side of this page, please find an application.

Please complete the application and return it to the above address, or email to rcesc@njaes.rutgers.edu. In the event of limited classroom space, interviews would be conducted. Classes begin in January.

Rutgers Master Gardener classes are held on Tuesdays, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy (114 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860), from January through June. Eighty percent (80%) class attendance is required in order to graduate. Volunteering for 60 hours of service in support of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County within 18 months of course completion is required to become certified as a Rutgers Master Gardener of Sussex County.

The cost for the program is \$250.00 (non-refundable). Checks should be made payable to "Rutgers, The State University" and are due upon attendance of the first class. Please contact the Extension office for more information (973-948-3040).

Class space is limited, so please return your application quickly.

Please visit our website for more information about the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Sussex County – sussex.njaes.rutgers.edu

MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

I wish to become a participant in the Rutgers Master Gardener training program and would like to be accepted for the next class. I understand that upon successful completion of the training, I must perform the required hours of volunteer service within the necessary timeframe to attain the title of Rutgers Certified Master Gardener. I also understand that there are annual recertification requirements to continue as a Rutgers NJAES Certified Master Gardener / Educator, and that there is a cost to cover course, administrative, and program expenses.

Signature: _____ Date of Application: _____

(Please print)

NAME: _____ Preferred NAME for Badge _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE (H): _____ (W): _____

FAX: _____ E – MAIL: _____

Please complete the following:

1. Briefly describe your interest, experience and/or training in gardening / horticulture _____

2. Please describe your level of expertise in gardening & horticulture:

____ Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____ Expert

3. Why do you wish to become a RCE Master Gardener volunteer?

4. Do you belong to a garden club or environmental group? If so, which one (s)? _____

5. Please list past volunteer experiences, community, or civic activities and positions held.

6. Please list your occupation and any skills in non-horticultural areas (writing, computers, graphics, art or photography, etc.) that might be relevant to your volunteer activities:

7. Do you anticipate any circumstances that would keep you from attending class, fulfilling the minimum volunteer commitments or participating in other volunteer activities? Yes__ No__

If so, please describe here: _____