

Greener Partners 2012 CSA Agreement

The Longview Center for Agriculture

3215 Stump Hall Road, Collegeville PA

CSA Stands for Community Supported Agriculture and provides a direct link between farmers and consumers. The Longview Center for Agriculture is operated by Greener Partners, a non-profit organization that envisions a world where everyone has access to locally grown, organic food. In addition to our farms, we have developed youth programs to connect youth and teens with the foods we eat. These programs often use our farms as classrooms, or the food grown on the land as a teaching tool. Our interactive Workshop series for adults provides educational workshops to deliver knowledge about the many "lost arts" from our agricultural and cultural past, including cooking, cultivating, preserving and self-care.

Our education programs include Seed to Snack®, which is designed to help youth think about the origins of their food and to expose them to foods that are grown seasonally and locally, and SOL (Seasonal, Organic, Local) Food, which trains teens to be community leaders in the areas of sustainable organic gardening, wellness and local food systems. The next generation of farmers is at the center of the new food system we envision, and we believe they'll need a diverse knowledge base – from soil preparation and heavy equipment mechanics to marketing the harvest to winter production -- to succeed as entrepreneurs in the growing local food economy. Through our farm, our CSA community, and our youth programs we seek to change the way people think about their food and the environment to create more vibrant communities. When you support The Longview Center for Agriculture as a CSA member, you directly support all of Greener Partners' diverse programs.

CSA Share Information

All produce is grown at The Longview Center for Agriculture, located in Collegeville. The Longview Farm season lasts 28-30 weeks, from approximately late April until mid-November. Every week you will receive a share of just-harvested, seasonal produce. Most CSAs last 25-27 weeks; however, we will begin in April with asparagus, carrots, lettuce mix & radishes. Produce items will vary according to seasonal availability and will total approximately 10 items per week for a Full Share, or 6 items per week for a Medium Share. Longview Market offers a Market Basket share in order to promote flexibility and member choice. In this system we divide a large share into 10 parts or units that will combine to provide a weekly Market Basket. A unit can be any item of farm produce, and will vary depending on harvest yields and seasonality. A single unit might be a head of lettuce, a bunch of carrots, half a dozen peppers, or a bag of salad mix. We will occasionally "assign" certain abundant produce items as a share and hope you will view this as part of the adventurous spirit of CSA Membership. In addition, You-Pick items such as cherry tomatoes, herbs, and flowers are included in your share every week.

One full share should be enough for a family of four, or enough for two hearty vegetable eaters. Our members tell us that participating in a CSA increased both the quantity of vegetables they eat and how often they cook and eat at home. Because the produce is picked within 24 hours of receiving your share, it is extremely fresh and will last several weeks, if stored properly.

We offer pick up on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12-6 pm and Saturdays from 9am-12pm at Longview Market. You will be contacted in the spring regarding your day preference and with additional logistical information regarding the farm and your membership.

A note about shared risk: In true partnership, CSA members share the risks of agriculture with farmers, ensuring that even in the event of unforeseen circumstances, farmers' livelihood will be secure. Such risks are minimized through smart growing, including through the planting of a diversity of crops that are resilient to a range of conditions. In the spirit of our commitment to the traditions of CSAs and food co-ops, your membership shows we're all-farmer and consumer-connected.

Membership Benefits

In addition to your weekly share and available You-Pick items, members will be offered a discount on the Longview Farm Friend Club Membership. Farm Friend Club Membership includes 5% off dairy and 10% off all other products in the market. All CSA Members receive a 20% discount on Greener Partners' programming - a great way to learn how to cook and preserve your weekly harvest! You'll also receive invitation to advance members only pick your own event, monthly potluck and recipe swap on the farm and yearly member's day event

Work Share Opportunities

No work is required of CSA Members. We do, however, offer a limited number of work share opportunities for the 2012 season; Work share may include farming, assistance with the education department, and occasional Market help. Please contact emily.teel@greenerpartners.org if you are interested in learning more.

Community Supported Shares & CSA Super Members

Based on our success last year, we are pleased to increase our Community Supported Share program for families who participate in our educational programs and cannot afford the cost of a full share. We offer these shares through generous donations from CSA members and the community. This year we have the ambitious goal of filling 20% of our shares with CSS members, but we need your help! Consider joining us as a CSA SUPER Member; your contribution of \$100 will fund a CSS Share for one month of farm-fresh food! contact emily.teel@greenerpartners.org with questions about the program, interest in participating, and/or information about opportunities to get involved with the CSS program committee.

Cost & Payment

The 2012 cost for a Full Share is \$750; a Medium Share is \$450; both share sizes include weekly You-Pick at The Longview Center for Agriculture. Available payment plan options are as follows:

Medium Share	Full Share
\$50 deposit with agreement	\$150 deposit with agreement
\$200 due Feb 15th	\$200 due Feb 15th
\$200 due April 15th	\$200 due April 15th
	\$200 due June 1st

Mail your signed Agreement form and payment to Greener Partners:

3215 Stump Hall Road
Collegeville, PA 19426

Main Office: 610-584-8206

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name

How did you hear about us?

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

Payment: Please make checks payable to "Greener Partners."

Regular Share - \$750 Full/\$450 Medium = \$ _____

CSA SUPER Member- \$850 Full/\$550 Medium = \$ _____
(Includes \$100 Tax deductible donation towards Community Supported Shares)

Payment Plan Deposit \$150 Full/ \$50 Medium = \$ _____

Pick Up Day

Please check which day is your first choice. Please remember this choice is not guaranteed.

___ Tuesday 12-6pm

___ Friday 12-6pm

___ Saturday 9-12pm

We look forward to seeing you on the farm!!

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I have read the above information and understand that the The Longview Center for Agriculture CSA is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program with supporting educational and community initiatives run by Greener Partners. I understand and acknowledge that Greener Partners and its partner organizations are fully committed to provide the highest quality fresh, organically grown, local produce from The Longview Center for Agriculture for our CSA member shares. I understand that there are risks and challenges inherent in agricultural production and these challenges may be reflected in the yields of certain varieties grown during the CSA growing season. I understand that paying for a CSA share entitles me to a weekly quantity of produce from Hillside Farm and that I will be responsible for picking up this produce at the pick-up location during hours given above. There will be no refunds for produce not picked up.