

Greener Partners 2012 CSA Agreement

Hillside Farm in Media

111 Elwyn Rd, Media, PA

CSA Stands for Community Supported Agriculture and provides a direct link between farmers and consumers. Hillside Farm 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. 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 Hillside Farm as a CSA member, you directly support all of Greener Partners' diverse programs.

CSA Share Information

All produce is grown at Hillside Farm, located on the Elwyn Campus in Media. The Hillside Farm season lasts 24 weeks, from approximately late May until mid-November. Hillside Farm 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 Hillside Farm's 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 Mondays and Thursdays from 1-7 pm on the farm. You will be contacted in the spring regarding your 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, Partner Products (including local yogurt, eggs, and meat) will be available for purchase during pick up times.

All CSA Members receive a 20% discount on Greener Partners' programming, including Workshops and Summer Camps - a great way to learn how to cook and preserve your weekly harvest!

Work Share Opportunities

No work is required of CSA Members. We do, however, offer a limited number of work-trade opportunities for the 2012 season. Please contact Meg.Maccurtin@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 Meg.Maccurtin@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 Hillside Farm. 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:
115 South New Middletown Road Hillside Office: 484.442.8381
Media, PA 19063

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 = \$ _____
Work Share - \$100 Full/\$50 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.

___ Monday
___ Thursday

We look forward to seeing you on the farm!!

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

I have read the above information and understand that the Hillside Farm at Elwyn 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 Hillside Farm at Elwyn 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.