**NORTH TONAWANDA BOTANICAL GARDEN ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

***Our Purpose Statement:*** The North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization is committed to establishing our city's Botanical Garden as a regional center for native habitat revitalization, environmental education, stormwater management, and as a scenic destination for special events, social gatherings, community education, community activities and local environmental awareness.

This organization is a non‐profit organization and shall be operated exclusively for public interest, well-being, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

The purpose of this organization is to sustain the development and beautification of the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden. This organization shall involve the City of North Tonawanda, local individuals and groups who would benefit from an active Botanical Garden and Greenhouse, and local business entities that support and encourage community activities and education. To carry out its purpose, the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization shall:

- Provide a continuing organization, outside the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden itself, which

will work to develop the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden while working in conjunction with the

City of North Tonawanda to maintain the garden as a City Park.

- Work in conjunction with horticultural, environmental, and botanical entities to:

 **‐** Develop the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden as a regional hub for environmentally sustainable

 practices and hands-on environmental education, in accordance with the North Tonawanda Botanical

 Garden Master Plan as developed in 2020 by NTBGO and the University at Buffalo.

 **-** Develop and implement community educational programs for all ages in order to teach and

 demonstrate the importance of environmental sustainability, including the topics of native species,

 wildlife habitat, clean water, tree care, green infrastructure, living shorelines, and pollinator ecology.

 **-** Develop and maintain a committed, skilled, and well-structured volunteer corps for maintaining and

 expanding the Botanical Garden projects and programs.

 **-** Prevent polluted stormwater runoff from entering Tonawanda Creek at the Botanical Garden through

 creative implementation of Green Infrastructure practices.

**‐** Utilize the grounds and facilities for resident and community events.

**-** Plan, develop, and sustain the plantings and beds of the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden.

**‐** Accept donations and solicit and raise money for the foregoing purposes. The Committee will provide

 interested persons or businesses with an opportunity to make tax deductible bequests, memorial

 contributions and other gifts. The Organization will determine the most effective use of funds to

 benefit the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden's function as a community park and green space.

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# **2022 UPCOMING DATES:**

# **Winter Cleanup: *Saturday April 30, 9:00 am until noon***

# **Plant Sales: *Saturdays, 9:00 am until noon: May 14, June 4, October 15***

# **Community Work Days: *Saturdays, 9:00 am until noon***

# ***June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15***

**NTBGO Quarterly Membership Meetings: *Greenhouse, 6:00 pm***

***May 11, August 10, November 9 (Annual Meeting)***

***Eligibility for membership:*** Application for voting membership shall be open to any current resident of Niagara or Erie County who supports the purpose statement, as above. Membership is granted after completion and receipt of a membership application. All memberships shall be granted upon a majority vote of the board. ***Annual dues: $25***

**Membership Application may be sent by email to** **ntbgo@hotmail.com** **(PayPal available on our website), mailed with payment to NTBGO at 134 Main Street, North Tonawanda NY 14120, or given to any NTBGO member.**

Name:

Address:

City, Zip Code:

Email and Phone:

Why would you like to join?