

## 2017 STATE OF THE GARDENS

We help manage 4 gardens in NCMA

- Pierce Meadow – Leominster
- Sundial – Fitchburg
- Prichard St. – Fitchburg
- Cleghorn – Fitchburg

### Current Membership

**40 community gardeners** (includes institutional groups with many members, does not include any sign ups today)

### Open Plots

- PM: 6 plots open after a reduction in plots for the B&GC from 17 to 5
- Sundial: all tended, TG still present, but we anticipate the TG eventually moving out in order to meet demand for space
- Prichard St.: all tended, but eager for new members! Anywhere from 2-6 plots
- Cleghorn: all tended, but can make space in future after TG moves out

### Dues

- original request for \$25/household
- created sliding scale to accommodate anyone who does feel they can afford the full \$25

### Garden Maintenance Time

Goal is to create a vibrant, thriving community garden. This requires everyone's time and talents. For this reason, we're asking everyone to log 6 hours of volunteer time in garden (maintenance) or with GP annually.

#### Opportunities coming up:

National Volunteer Week, April 23-29<sup>th</sup>: Projects every day of the week, some mulch spreading, some light construction. If interested, let me know and I can share more details.

Weed 'n' Feed Days: Will host three this spring/summer. 1 hour each.

### City Compost

Exciting news! City Compost, run by Adam Jankauskas, has been in communication with GP over the winter about a service offer for compost collection and provision for our community gardens. Adam ultimately decided that he would like to offer his service to each of our gardens at NO CHARGE! Wool! Adam and I are arranging a date to talk about logistics and I'd like to invite anyone who is interested to attend so you can ask him questions about the process.

**Questions?** Leave a note before you go!