

# RESOURCE GUIDE & NEXT STEPS

FALL 2022



## MASTER GARDENER TRAINING IN COOK COUNTY, IL

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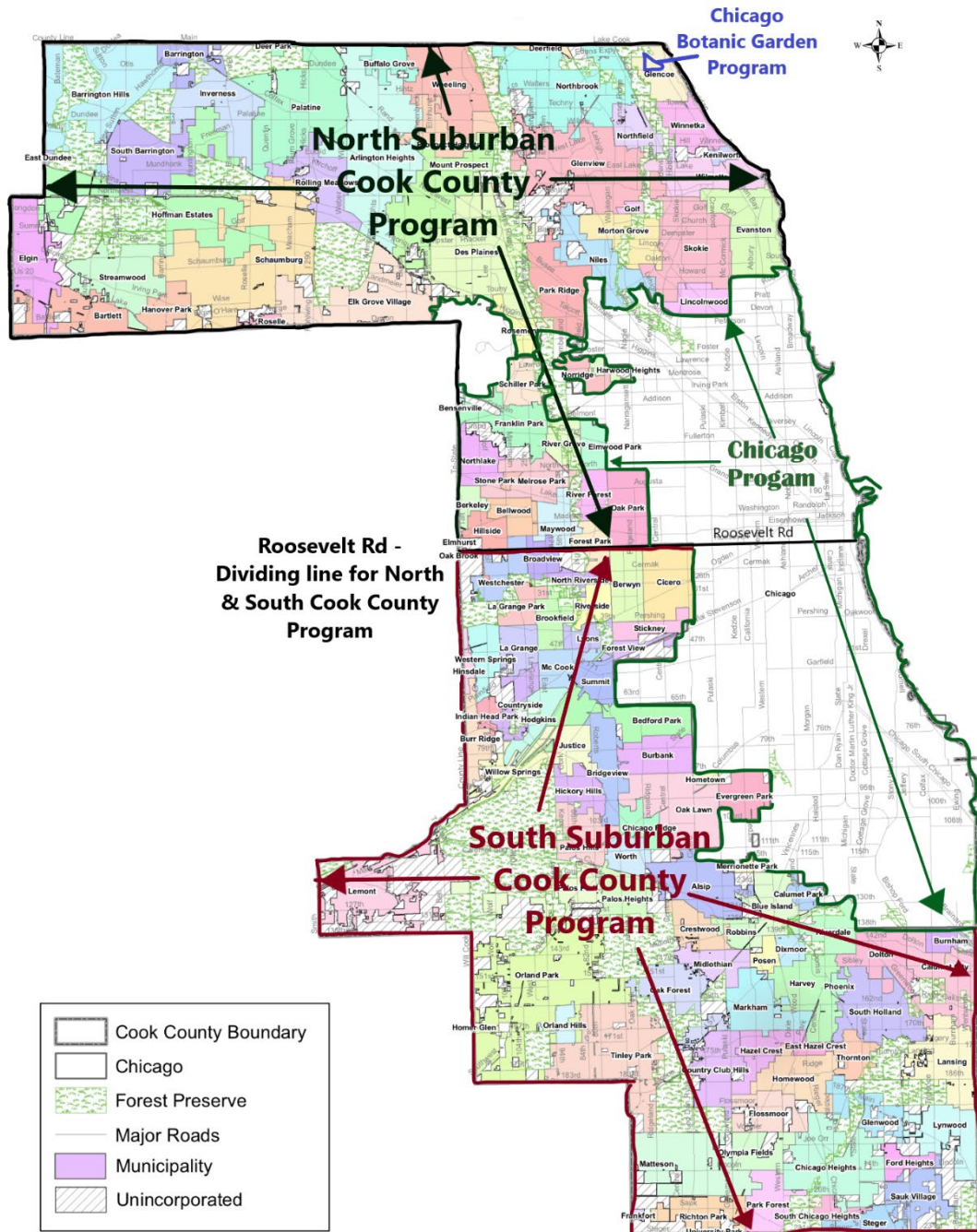
The three Cook County Master Gardener programs are teaming up to offer a Fall 2022 Master Gardener Training. The classroom portion consists of asynchronous, self-paced, online training with supplemental state and local zoom meetings and in-person demonstration days (if applicable).

This resource guide is for those who would like to participate in the Fall 2022 Master Gardener Online Training hosted by Cook County.

As of 5/11/2022, **it is possible we will not be taking on, or delaying taking on, any new volunteers.** Currently, our horticulture staff is down by 50% in Cook County, we are in a holding pattern to see if we can accept new volunteers in the next year. With that said, we will still host an online training that covers MG coursework.

## Map of Cook County Master Gardener Program Areas

This training includes North Suburban Cook County, Chicago, and South Suburban Cook County.



## ADDITIONAL LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN COOK COUNTY, IL

MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN AND AROUND COOK COUNTY OFFER QUALITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES. IF THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM ISN'T FOR YOU, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING:

### HORTICULTURE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- [IL Extension Master Urban Farmer Training Program](#)
- [U of IL Crop Science Continuing Education Units](#)
- [Chicago Botanic Garden Horticulture Education](#)
- [Morton Arboretum Natural Areas Conservation Training \(N-ACT\) Program](#)

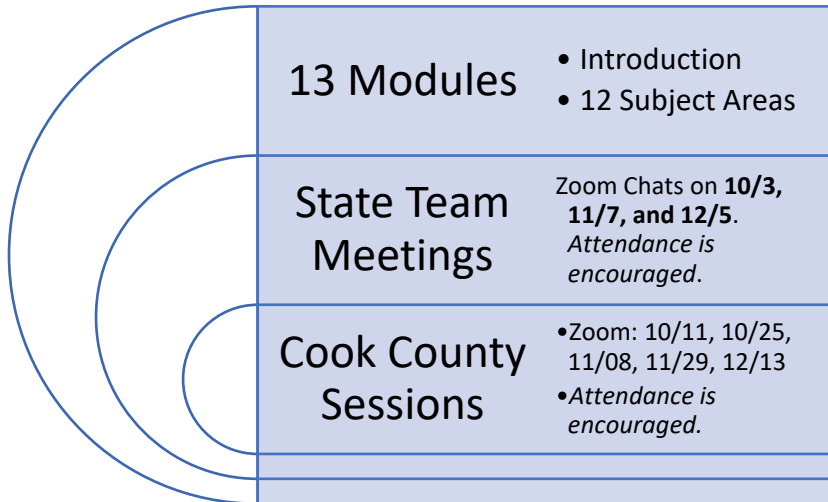
### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Chicago Botanic Garden: Horticulture, Collections, and Research Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Forest Preserve District of Cook County](#)
- [Friendship Park Conservatory Contact Us](#)
- [Garfield Park Conservatory Volunteer](#)
- [IL Extension Master Naturalist](#)
- [Oak Park Conservatory Volunteering](#)
- [Openlands](#)
- [Plant Chicago](#)
- [Shedd Aquarium Horticultural Volunteers](#)

## FALL 2022 ONLINE MG TRAINING FEE AND DESCRIPTION

**COURSE FEE.....\$ 350. 00 (INCLUDES MANUAL & SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS)**

*MANUALS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE HOME ADDRESS.*



### 12 SUBJECT AREAS + 5 SUPPLEMENTAL SESSIONS

1. Botany
2. Soils & Fertilizers
3. Lawns
4. Vegetables
5. Small Fruits & Tree Fruits
6. Integrated Pest Mgmt.
7. Plant Pathology & Disease
8. Annuals & Perennials
9. Trees, Shrubs, & Woody Vines
10. Living with Wildlife
11. Insects
12. Organic Gardening

### COOK COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL SESSIONS

Extra trainings provided by the local Educators and Coordinators via zoom.

1. Landscape Design
2. Native Plants and Conservation@Home
3. School & Community Garden Management
4. Season Extension
5. Researching Plant Diseases & Pests

- Estimated: 4 hrs per week/training; 14 weeks/total training
- The local coordinator/staff will provide a Certificate of Completion upon the trainee's classroom course completion.

### Fall 2022 Online Training Timeline

- Registration opens Aug 8, 2022 & closes Sept 12, 2022
- Manuals ship out the week of Sept 19, 2022
- Training starts Oct 3, 2022 – Training Course is Live!
- State Team Zoom Chats: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
- **Cook County Supplemental Sessions:** 10/11, 10/25, 11/08, 11/29, 12/13

### MODULE FEATURES

- Self-paced
- Introduction (First step)
- Modules can be completed in any order after the introduction is completed.
- Instructional Videos
- Quiz (after each video)
- Online final exam
- Resources and materials available after some modules.

Designed to be viewed on a desktop computer, laptop computer, or tablet.

Each module will consist of several videos; therefore, a strong internet connection is highly advised.

## FALL 2022 COURSE SCHEDULE

The following dates are confirmed

- **Mon, Aug 8, 2022:** Training Class Registration OPENS
- **Mon, Sep 12, 2022:** Training Class Registration CLOSES
- **Mon, Sept 19, 2022- Sept 23, 2022** Manuals ship to home address
- **Mon, Oct 3, 2022** Training Class Opens
- **Mon, Oct 3, 2022** Zoom Chats – State Team, Welcome!
- **Tues, Oct 11, 2022 at 5 – 7 PM:** Cook County team: Landscape Design
- **Tues, Oct 25, 2022 at 5 – 7 PM:** Cook County team: Season Extension
- **Mon, Nov 7, 2022** Zoom Chats – State Team
- **Tues, Nov 8, 2022 at 5 – 7 PM:** Cook County team: Native Plants & Conservation@Home
- **Tues, Nov 29, 2022 at 5 – 7 PM:** Cook County team: School & Community Garden Mgmt
- **Mon, Dec 5, 2022** Zoom Chats – State Team
- **Tues, Dec 13, 2022 at 5 – 7 PM:** Cook County team: Researching Plant Diseases & Pests
- **Sat, Dec 31, 2022-** Course Ends, Final Exam Deadline
- **Sun, Jan 15, 2023-** Letter of Training Completion sent to those who complete the course successfully by the 12/31/2022 deadline.

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|  | State Team Zoom Chats                     |
|  | Local Cook County Sessions                |
|  | Online Training Course Status and Updates |



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