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Depave Statement of Expectations for Site Hosts

Thank you for your interest in establishing a Depave project! As a prospective Site Host, you are critical to making a depaving project and your community event a success. Site Hosts are a critical link for bringing together their community to support all phases of project planning and implementation. When beginning a Depave project, Depave and the Site Host will enter into a Partnership Contract to support the project, the partners involved, and the depaving event.

Background:

Depave was created to inspire and promote the removal of unnecessary pavement from urban areas and transform these underutilized spaces back into community green spaces. Depave facilitates volunteer pavement removal events as a way to build awareness of the impacts of pavement on our environment and our connection to nature. Depave is not a for-profit pavement removal company, but a volunteer-driven, grant-funded, nonprofit organization.

Successful Depave projects have the following attributes:

- A realistic project vision and timeline
- Strong community support and involvement
- Active partnerships or demonstrated ability to cultivate partnerships
- Demonstrated need for depaving in the neighborhood
- Educational component(s) that involve children (at school site)
- A solid stewardship plan for long-term management

This Statement of Expectations provides an overview of and sets forth the general expectations for cooperation between Depave, the Site Host, and any project partners.

Expectations:

In order to further the goals of the project, the Site Host understands that their support and cooperation is critical to the success of the project and event with the following:

1. Developing a site plan and vision for the site post-depaving at least six (6) months prior to desired event date
2. Conducting soil tests and researching the site history of the site to determine that the site is contaminant-free
3. Contributing a meaningful amount of funding to the project. Securing grants or financial donations to help pay for the greenspace redevelopment, or at least assisting the Depave with grants to fund the effort
4. Galvanizing community support for pavement removal and the creation of new greenspace
5. Recruiting community partners: agencies, neighborhood associations, PTAs, nonprofits, funding entities, etc.
6. Identifying and pricing site improvements beyond the pavement removal: garden shed, bench, tree and plant materials, water system, etc.

7. Recruiting volunteers from the community and other partner organizations for the event and to support the project beyond events
8. Soliciting donations of food, music, opening words of inspiration, and/or other amenities for volunteers
9. Helping plan the depaving and planting events and picking an event date with minimum conflicts that ideally coincide with other events when possible: neighborhood fairs, block parties, Sunday Parkways, etc.
10. Working with Depave project leaders to implement the project vision beyond large volunteer work parties. This typically entails all of the landscaping elements outside of the depaving day and the planting day — such as assisting with fencing or safety concerns, assisting during the excavation process, moving and contouring new soil, site clean up, etc. A Site Host is expected to be available (sometimes on weekdays or late afternoons), and to involve their volunteers to assist with this process.

A successful site host may assist with some or all of the above tasks, depending on the particular challenges of a site and the skill set of a site host and additional partners. A more active Site Host with a solid base of community support and involvement will always elicit more excitement from the Depave team.

Conditions:

Please understand that if Depave selects your site for a Depave Project, different factors may influence the timeliness of bringing a vision to reality, including:

- Funding
- Schedules (Depave and site hosts)
- Level of community support
- Site development permits
- Unanticipated setbacks

An ideal time timeframe for establishing a Depave Project is six (6) months to one (1) year in advance of your target depaving event date. Because of many technicalities and time-consuming coordination requirements, it is difficult to establish a Depave Project on short notice.

For those seeking funding assistance from Depave please be aware that Depave is continually working with a diverse portfolio of potential sites. Depave perpetually works to match sites with the best potential funding source. The particulars of certain sites may make them more or less fundable.

Requirements:

Site Hosts shall provide a \$300 upfront, nonrefundable payment to Depave to undertake soil testing and to secure an interest in being a Depave site for the upcoming year. This cost varies depending upon whether or not food will be grown in the depaved area.

Site Hosts shall develop a formal, long-term maintenance plan for your new greenspace — including but not limited to, a thorough watering schedule, seasonal weeding, and repair of built elements.

Site Hosts shall feed volunteers at depaving, planting and work party events — including breakfast snacks, coffee, and lunch as appropriate. Ask your networks and neighborhood businesses early and often for their support.

Thank you for reviewing this important partnership document. We look forward to reviewing your project proposal and working with you to make your vision a reality!