

Vote for Your Oakland Rose Garden

A national contest to select the best public rose garden is a competition sponsored by All-American Rose Selections (AARS is a nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses) for **America's Best Rose Garden**.

Communities across America can vote for their favorite local garden from April 1 through July 1, 2010. Oakland's own Morcom Rose Garden is eligible as a contestant because it has earned the status as an AARS-accredited rose garden, one of only 130 rose gardens in the country that have achieved this high award.

The top ten gardens with the most votes will become finalists. Then a panel of experts from AARS will travel to five finalist cities, evaluate gardens and select one winner based on beauty, creativity and the garden's overall contribution to its community. The winning garden will receive a \$2,500 cash donation and <http://www.rose.org/voteform/> will be featured in a national campaign highlighting the best gardens in America.

Please vote (www.rose.org/voteform/) for the Oakland's Morcom Rose Garden. With over 900 rose varieties and 5,000 rose plants, Oakland Rose Garden is under the care of Oakland Public Works and benefits from the support of hundreds of volunteers.

