

# **Portland Community Gardens Initiative**

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **(1) How will we reach 1,000 new garden plots by 2012?**

It's an ambitious goal, but with so many partners in the Portland region working together we know it's achievable. We keep a running list of all the proposed locations for potential new projects – if you have an idea for a new garden, please contact Emily Hicks at:

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Traditionally, our program has built one or two gardens a year – we have already opened three gardens this spring and several others coming down the pike. Many partners across the city are also making progress on their unique community garden projects. We hope to have an updated map of community gardens across the City by the end of Summer.

Commissioner Fish was successful in securing some extra funding so that we can continue the momentum. It will also take the commitment of new sponsors and donors to reach our *1,000 garden* goal. The Friends of Portland Community Gardens are heading up the sponsorship strategy - if you're interested in supporting this great work please contact Lora Price, Chair, at:

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### **(2) How do you decide where the next garden goes?**

When looking at the map of our 37 gardens, you can see where the gaps exist. One of our top priorities is building gardens in neighborhoods that currently lack access to parks and community gardening opportunities.

You may have heard that we have over 2,500 people on our waiting lists... some Portlanders have been waiting for over 8 years for a garden plot in high-demand areas. We will certainly look to build and expand gardens in areas where the waiting lists are the longest.

Then there's the land. If there's a lot available and a community ready to grow food in it... we want to help make that happen. We strive to act opportunistically and provide leadership on new projects that have community support, a willing property owner, and partial funding secured.

### **(3) How can I get involved?**

If you would like to get e-mail updates about new garden openings and other events and opportunities, please e-mail Emily at: [emily.hicks@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:emily.hicks@portlandoregon.gov)

We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and interest!

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