

LONG ISLAND VICTORY GARDEN TASK FORCE
JANUARY 27, 2010

Present:

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Tom Lyon
Caroline Kiang
Pamela Greene
Richard Meyer
Joe Gergela
Jane Corrarino
Susan Wilk

Aim:

To study and analyze information on increasing the development of Victory Gardens on LI; identify potential locations for community Victory Gardens.

Joe Gergela: there is much community interest, but little knowledge of how to maintain these gardens. John Prechtl of the Suffolk County Farm is an expert whose assistance would be of great value. If a garden is started at the Farm, it could be a model that can be replicated in other places. Charles Vigliante will donate compost to any community farm/garden. Randy Dressler of Island Harvest is interested in partnering, with food to be donated to Island Harvest.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County's Master Gardener Program would be a great resource to work with community groups

Comsewogue School District has a farm. School groups need a community partnership, such as Comsewogue Youth Club, to help during the summer months.

Jane Corrarino: There is a County project currently working with a community to set up a garden with a child care center (Brentwood). It is working with parents, children, community groups.

Caroline Kiang: Need to establish a clearing house of resources. Start a demonstration project at the Suffolk County Farm. Also to be studied: Hobbs Farm and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services garden project in Brentwood.

Target:

1. kids
2. needy communities
3. people who want to do it but need to understand the amount of work involved.
4. intergenerational groups

Public Hearing site proposals:

Riverhead County Center
Brentwood Library
Brookhaven Town Hall
Huntington Town Hall

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Rogers Building