

# **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 already have four gardens scheduled to open this spring and several others coming down the pike for 2011. Many partners across the city are also making progress on their unique community garden projects.

Commissioner Fish is working to secure extra funding so that we can continue this momentum. It will also take the commitment of new sponsors and donors to reach 1,000 new gardens. 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:

[lorapdx@gmail.com](mailto:lorapdx@gmail.com)

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

When looking at the map of our 35 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 1000 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 Abby Warren at: [abby.warren@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:abby.warren@portlandoregon.gov)

You can also find helpful resources and a list of our partners' links on Commissioner Nick Fish's 1,000 garden blog at: [www.portlandonline.com/fish](http://www.portlandonline.com/fish)

We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and interest!

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