



Nan Fey and Jill Schneider, Co-Chairs  
City of Madison Committee on Community Gardens  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53703

September 27, 2016

Dear Nan and Jill,

I write today on behalf of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden to extend our profound thanks and appreciation of Committee on Community Gardens' efforts to establish and support sustainable community gardens in the City of Madison and specifically to assist the relocation of our community garden to Rennebohm Park, 115 North Eau Claire Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

For thirty-five years, the community garden was located nearby at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue on the Hill Farms Department of Transportation property. In October 2015, the garden, that supported more than 100 individuals and families, was removed to make way for redevelopment of the property. Construction of the new garden in Rennebohm Park in time for the 2016 gardening season would not have been possible without the advocacy of this committee. Committee composition of members with representation on other interrelated city committees accelerated understanding between committees producing extraordinary results!

The mission of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden is to increase equitable access to the multiple social, environmental and health resources brought by a community garden environment in an urban setting for individuals, families and neighborhood. The garden is open to all on a first-come, first-served basis. The fruits, herbs, and vegetables grown in the garden are for family and food pantry consumption only; bylaws do not allow food to be sold.

The new community garden site in Rennebohm Park provides gardening plots for fifty-eight individuals and families. The garden looks forward to city staff recommendations expected this fall for additional community gardening space in and around University Hill Farms neighborhood to meet the continued need for access to safe, healthy, and culturally appropriate food. Please see the attached pictorial overview of the new garden construction. Our sincere thanks to all committee members!

Sincerely,

Cindy Statz (Garden Coordinator) and the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden

xc: Pat Soderholm, Leann Tigges, Yuhua Li, Mary McCarthy, Geren Zhang, Ruth Cadoret, Young Soon Lee, Jim Baumann, Jim Dudley

Attachments: SACG Relocation to Rennebohm Park.PDF