

# Endangered Gardens Fact Sheet:

## WHICH GARDENS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED?

- On the **Lower East Side**: Adam Purple's Garden of Eden (Forsyth Street bet Stanton and Rivington Sts) was destroyed on January 8, 1986, The Farm (Grand Street) was bulldozed in the mid 1970's, the ABC Garden (8th St bet. Aves B & C) was destroyed in January 1996, the Sunnyside Garden (13th St bet A & B) in Fall 1996; and 5th Street Garden (bet Aves A & B) was destroyed, February 1997.

- On the **Upper West Side**, the Dome Garden was bulldozed on May 24, 1994, despite support from elected officials, the community, and some celebrities. The Pegasus Garden, (Amsterdam and 89th Street) was bulldozed December 1996.

## WHICH GARDENS ARE NOW THREATENED?

- Most of the over 750 community gardens of New York City are slated to be bulldozed for development plans. Many of the 50 gardens on the Lower East Side of New York City, 25 gardens in Harlem and Coney Island and 20 gardens in Brooklyn and the Bronx.

### Brooklyn Gardens threatened by Development include:

- Twelve Coney Island Gardens are under threat of destruction. The Mermaid Garden was scheduled to be destroyed June 11, 1997.

## Under immediate threat in Harlem:

- The Five Star Garden, the Children's Garden of Love, the Garden of the Golden Lions, the George W. Brown Memorial Garden (122nd Street), and the Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial Garden (122nd Street) are slated for destruction in October 1997.

### Bronx Gardens threatened by development:

- Also threatened in October 1997, the Hunts Point Farm.

### Lower East Side Gardens threatened by development and auctions:

- Of the 20 Lower East Side Gardens threatened by development and auctions, three gardens are slated for bulldozing by mid-summer 1997 by HPD and the New York City Housing Partnership New Homes Project, for low-rise condominiums: 10th BC Garden, the Chico Mendez Mural Garden on 11th St bet Avenues A & B. and the 11 BC Garden. Also threatened with immediate destruction through NYC Partnership and HPD is the Rodriguez Community Garden on Suffolk St. bet. Rivington & Stanton.

- In addition, La Plaza Cultural Garden on 9th Street between Avenues C & B is threatened by a 7-story market-rate housing proposal for new development (64 units LUXURY HOUSING/16 units LOW-INCOME & LOWER EAST SIDE GIRLS CLUB).

- Approximately six more gardens on the Lower East Side are scheduled to be auctioned within the next year and the status of many others is pending.

## SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Saved Alberts Garden** (2nd St. bet. Bowery & 2nd Ave., Manhtn) and **Winners Circle Garden** (4th St. bet. Aves. B & C, Manhtn) from slated auction on October 19, 1995.

- **Saved ABC Garden** from destruction: (8th St. bet. Aves B & C, Manhtn) April 1995. Organized emergency support to stop the destruction of the ABC Garden slated for demolition by the Roachco Film Co.

- Organized support to have CB3 recommend **De Colores Garden** on 8th Street and **Amigos Garden** on 3rd Street (bet. Aves B & C, Manhtn) for GreenThumb leases.

- Appealed to City Council and had **Amigos Garden** removed from auction block.

- **Bear's Garden**, Boerum Hill, Bklyn (Cor. of Flatbush and Pacific Avenues) Won negotiation to keep a portion of the garden, but all plants were first removed awaiting excavation.

- **Magical Children's Garden** on Norfolk and Stanton Streets, Manhtn. City Planning Commission removed from auction block.

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