

# Endangered Gardens Fact Sheet—Winter '98

List in formation by NYC Coalition for the Preservation of the Gardens, for information call (212) 777-7969

## WHICH GARDENS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED?

- The Farm (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed mid-1970s.
- Adam Purple's Garden of Eden (LES, Manhattan) bulldozed Jan. 8, 1986.
- The Dome Garden (UWS/Manhattan) bulldozed May 24, 1994.
- The Sunnyside Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed 1995.
- 5th Street Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed 1995.
- The ABC Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Jan., 1996.
- Pegasus Garden (UWS/Manhattan) bulldozed Dec., 1996.
- Pacific Street Brooklyn Bear's Garden (Boerum Hill/Brooklyn) bulldozed 1997.
- Rivington Sculpture Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Oct., 1997.
- Stockholm Street Block Association Garden (Brooklyn/Bushwick) cleared, 1997.
- Palmetto/Wilson/Knickerbocker Garden (Brooklyn/Bushwick) cleared, 1997.
- Good Cheer Weirfield Block Assn. Garden (Brooklyn/Bushwick) cleared, 1997.
- Hancock Street Block Assn. Garden (Brooklyn/Bushwick) cleared, 1997.
- Reclaim Our Cities Kids (ROCK) Garden (Brooklyn/Bushwick) cleared, 1997.
- Chico Mendez Mural Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Dec. 30, 1997.
- 10 BC Garden/El Jardin 10 (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Dec. 30, 1997.
- Angel's Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Dec. 30, 1997.
- Maria's Garden/11 BC Garden (LES/Manhattan) bulldozed Dec. 30, 1997.
- The West 102nd Street Garden (Manh. Valley/Manhattan) bulldozed Jan. 7, 1998

[NOTE: Bears Garden in Brooklyn won negotiation to eventually be returned a portion of the garden site, but all plants were first removed for excavation.]

The following Coney Island HPD-terminated gardens in the process of being "cleared": The gardeners have been told they can take their plants to Broadwalk Garden (transferred to Parks jurisdiction) and Surfside Garden, which itself still has an HPD Hold for development.

- Mermaid Gardens (2402-2426 Mermaid Ave.)
- La Placita Gardens (2304-2306 Mermaid Ave.)
- Square Foot Children's Garden (2222-2226 Mermaid Ave.)
- The Dugout Garden (2202 Mermaid Ave.)
- Pride Garden (2110 Mermaid Ave.)
- Senior Citizens Block Assn. Garden (1918-1928 Mermaid Ave)

[NOTE: The above Bushwick and Coney Island gardens "cleared" or "in the process of being cleared" had their GreenThumb licenses terminated by HPD and the land was conveyed to developers. There has as yet been no demolition or construction however. The Bushwick gardens have merely been cleared of gardeners. The Coney Island gardens listed above were all terminated for commercial development. No action has been taken on the sites but the posting of "will build to suit" signs.]

## WHICH GARDENS ARE NOW THREATENED?

HPD, the City's housing agency, has jurisdiction over or holds on 395 GreenThumb gardens: 78 in the Bronx, 195 in Brooklyn, 113 in Manhattan, 9 in Queens, and none in Staten Island. Below is a listing of some of the most threatened gardens by borough:

### BRONX

- Hunts Point Farm, B.2762, L.131-175, threatened Oct. '97 by HPD and NYC Partnership.
- Cherry Tree Assn. Garden (Bruckner Blvd & 136 St) B.2564, L.10, seized Dec. 5, 1997.
- United We Stand Garden & Sunflower Garden, B.2550, L.49,55.

HPD Terminated Gardens (actual & projected)/HPD Notification: 10/1/97:

- Clinton Avenue Garden (730 Clinton Ave.) B.3097, L.24 [CB6]
- Garden of Paradise (714 E. 182 St) B.3098, L.27 [CB6]
- The Point Comm. Devel. Corp. (E/S Bryant Ave./Lafayette Ave.) B.2762, L.130,131 [CB 2]
- Seneca Neighborhood Center (E/S Bryant Ave./Lafayette Ave.) B.2762, L.138-141 [CB 2]
- Cabo Rojo Garden (2163-65 Clinton Ave.) B.3098, L.34,35 [CB 5]

HPD Terminated Gardens/HPD Notification: 10/1/96. CLEARED:

- Lares Garden (783 Elton Ave.) B.2370, L.40, 41 [CB 3]
- Simpson GreenThumb Assn. Garden (1226-1232 Simpson St) B.2975, L.7-9 [CB 3]

### Other Endangered Gardens:

- Shakespeare Community Garden (1345 Shakespeare Ave) (City Council released for devel.: 9/97)
- Highbridge Heights Unity Cntr. Garden (1454 Shakespeare Ave)(City Council released for devel.: 9/97)
- Alegria Garden (530 E. 139 St) (GT notice of lease cancellation received: 11/97)
- Crimins Group Assn. Garden (587-591 E. 141 St) (GT notice of lease cancellation received 11/97)

### Gardens With HPD Jurisdiction AND Holds for Development:

- Millbrook Volunteer Committee Garden (539 Union St) B.2582, L.47; Hold: HPD/HPD
- Pent. Church of God Garden (764-766 E. 161 St) B.2657, L.12,14; Hold: HPD/HPD
- Guadalupe Garden (972-84 Simpson St) B.2724, L.115; Hold: HPD/HPD
- Aldus 111 Tnts. Assn. Garden (1074-1076 Longfellow Ave.) B.2757, L.35,36; Hold: HPD/HPD

## BROOKLYN

### Bedford Stuyvesant:

- Comm. Betterment Assn. Down Home Garden (1099-1107 Herkimer) B.1549, L.42,46: GTLease terminated '97; City Council released for development 9/97.
- Church for the Miracle Revival Garden (1937 Fulton St) B.1531, L.65 (GTLease terminated '97)

### Park Slope:

- The Warren Street Comm. Garden (623 Warren St) B.934, L.66 [DGS/DGS] (selected as a building site by Habitat For Humanity)

## Coney Island:

HPD Terminated Gardens (actual & projected)-HPD Notification: 12/1/97

- Westend Residents Assn. Garden (3622 Mermaid Ave) B.7045, L.1: ULURP nearing completion.
- Unity Tower Tenants Assn. Garden (1917-23 Surf Ave.) B.7060, L.32
- Pardeci Ilano Garden (Surf Ave.) B.7060, L.35
- Senior Citizens Block Assn. Garden (2917-2923 W. 20 St) B.7060, L.44-47

### GTLease terminated:

- AIDS Memorial Garden (GTLease terminated '97)

HPD Terminated Gardens (projected)-HPD Notification: Fall '98

- Youth & Senior Citizen Garden (3117-27 Surf Ave) B.7049, L.50, 5: Programmatic use unknown.

HPD Terminated Gardens (projected)-HPD Notification: Fall, 2000

- Sea Park West Tenants Assn. Garden (2953 W. 31 St) B.7050, L.74: Programmatic use unknown.

Brooklyn Gardens With HPD Jurisdiction and/or Holds for Development:

### Bedford Stuyvesant - CB3

- 920 Madison St B.A. Garden (924-30 Madison St) B.1484, L.6,8
- Victory In Christ Church Garden (1452-1464 Bway/1029 Putnam Ave) B.1484, L.24,26,27,31
- Putnam Ave. Housing Devel. Fund Garden (1007-1025 Putnam Ave) B.1484, L.35,41,43
- Putnam@Bway & Howard B.A. Garden (1052-1054 Putnam Ave) B.1486, L.15,16
- Marion-Rockaway Park Assn Garden (N/S Marion St/W of Rockaway Ave) B.1516, L.49-52 [HPD/HPD]
- El Jardin Del Recuerdo Garden (7-13 Hull St) B.1531, L.53-56
- Guy & Ramesh GT Garden (2030-38 Fulton/2034-42 Fulton & 224 Saratoga) B.1549, L.34,135,42-46
- Koskiusko St & Comm. Pk./Learning Center Garden (385-389 Koskiusko St) B.1601, L.61-63
- Patrick Van Doren Pocket Park (123 Reid St) B.1627, L.1
- 800 Madison/ Monroe St B.A. Garden (127 Patchen Ave.) B.1643, L.1 [HPD/HPD]
- Central Bainbridge B.A. Garden (279-277 Bainbridge St) B.1683, L.90,91
- 500 Block MacDonough St Assn Garden (84 Marion St) B.1695, L.8,9
- HTA Block Assn Gardens (477 Herkimer St & Herkimer St) B.1699, L.70,75
- Better Community Garden (762-764 Herkimer St) B.1708, L.35,36
- A Better Community Garden Ext. (3-5 Hunterfly Place) B.1708, L.70,72,73
- Herkimer-Rochester St B.A. Garden (816 Herkimer St) B.1710, L.9
- Vernon/Marcy/Tompkin B.A. Garden (125,123,121 Vernon Ave) B.1755, L.54-57
- Vernon/ Cases GreenThumb Comm.Garden (42-48 Vernon Ave) B.1758, L.31-34
- Vernon T&T B.A. Garden (200 Vernon Ave) B.1760, L.39
- Willoughby/Nostrand/Marcy Bl. Assn. Garden (604 Marcy Ave) B.1766, L.43
- Hart Street Community Gardening (171, 169 Hart St) B.1768, L.65,66
- American Heart Garden (122 Hart St) B.1771, L.29
- Little People Garden (273-277 Koskiusko St) B.1781, L.60-62
- P.S. 141K @ P.S 35K Garden (EIG) (790-796 Lafayette Ave/N/S of Van Buren) B.1792, L.22-25,61
- Greene Ave. United Neighbors Assn. Garden (490 Greene Ave) B.1797, L.57
- First Quincy St B.A. Garden (397-401 Quincy St) B.1805, L.74-76
- Gates Avenue B.A. Garden (560-564A Gates Ave) B.1815, L.27-29,