

our garden's gate

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Committees

Outreach: Coalition outreach proceeds on several levels: grassroots organizing, raising public awareness, and gaining the support of elected/public officials. Our organizing efforts (posting flyers, developing what-to-do-now manuals, disseminating endangered garden information, organizing local support meet-

a verdant example of cooperation between races and generations that has already yielded many peaceful fruits and harmony between humans and nature. The garden serves the Mott Haven community by providing opportunities such as growing food, learning job skills, and learning how to work together with strangers, instead of fighting against them. The garden also provides an abundant supply of oxygen and responsible economic and technological development for a community suffering from an asthma epidemic, with an affected population of over eight times the national average. To help support this garden, contact Cherry Tree Association: (718) 292-6443

Good news in the Bronx: community members recently opened a new garden, **The No Asthma Paradise Garden**; and on June 2, 1998 Community Board 6 unanimously voted to give permanent parks status to the **Garden of Happiness**.

etable growing side of the garden when they learned that half of the garden was slated for destruction by Habitat for Humanity in order to build cooperative housing. Sadly, a block vote supported the Habitat project. Both the ballot and a follow-up letter of agreement promised that the remaining portion of the garden would not be touched when construction takes place. But Gardeners recently learned that Habitat went over GreenThumbs heads directly to HPD to request for an 8-foot variance into the garden to construct scaffolding to build their building, clearly violating the agreement promised to block residents when they voted in favor of Habitats plans. They trusted Habitat's "glowing reputation" and felt this project could at least become an example of how gardeners and developers can work peacefully together. However, Habitat failed to cooperate or negotiate honestly. As the local press has said, stay tuned.

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