TEN NEIGHBORS GARDEN

Ten Neighbors was a garden in the 1990s before being bulldozed in 2002 and left vacant by the City for over 10 years. In 2013, 596 Acres hung signs and caught the attention of neighbors, including some former gardeners. After working with them for they were able to reestablish a license for this space and are working on their first season in the re-opened garden! Email carlosdj Diaz@gmail.com if you’d like to become a member.

ALREADY GROWING: SARATOGA FARM

A coalition of students and teachers from neighboring Eagle Academy and Mott Hall & the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger steward a community farm here. Walk by and say hello! If you like what you see, let’s work together on getting the lot transferred to the Parks Department. Right now, it is an interim space on HPD land.

FUTURE PARK SPACE?

This lot is part of the Saratoga Square Urban Renewal Area Plan; it is planned as Open Space but today is just an empty lot full of weeds and trash with a fence around it. Benches and a walkway could make it a great park! Contact us at organizers@596acres.org or 718-316-6092 to get started!

A SOCCER FIELD FOR YOUTH?

Brooklyn block 1468 Lot 63

Nick works for NY Scores and would love to start a free youth soccer program in this space. To help make it happen, call Nick at 570-575-4323.

EAST NEW YORK AT PITKIN

Block 1476 Lot 34

This used to be a garden run by Oceanhill Brownsville Tenant Association, but now it’s sitting empty in Housing Preservation and Development’s inventory. The site is so small and hard to develop into a building that HPD is willing to sell it for $1 to any housing developer willing to create homes that cost less than $3200 for a family of four. Maybe another kind of development is possible?

RIVERDALE AND THATFORD

Block 3590 Lot 40

The Resident Committee at neighboring NYCHA Van Dyke Houses has identified this as one of the most dangerous spots in their neighborhood, too, and would love to work on improving it! Reach out to the Department of Development at NYCHA to find out more: (212)306-3703.
HPD SELECTIONS 18 GARDENS FOR POTENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) has requested proposals for housing from developers for 181 sites – 18 with active gardens on them.

- Vacant lots and gardens in HPD jurisdiction (Total: 964)
- Vacant lots not included in RFQ (Total: 783)
- Gardens that HPD identified as potential development sites (Total: 18)