



Preserve Our Gardens, Protect Our Future: Tell Mayor Adams to Stand with Community Gardens!

Beginning in 1973, the NYC Community Gardens movement is the largest urban gardening program in the United States. Community gardens provide free, public, green space to the residents and visitors alike. These community gardens provide ecological, nutritional, and health benefits to the all and provide space for community building. Many community gardens sprang up on vacant or abandoned lots that the City of New York owned. The city issues 10 year licenses to community groups to steward and maintain the gardens under the NYC Parks Department's GreenThumb program.

However, on August 21, Mayor Eric Adams issued Executive Order 43, ordering all NYC agencies to review city property to identify potential sites for housing development. NYC Parks Department property is included in this review.

We demand that Mayor Eric Adams issue a clear directive exempting community gardens on city-owned land from Executive Order 43, reaffirming their protection, and ensuring that any land review process fully recognizes the irreplaceable value these spaces bring to our city.

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