Ms. Edith S. Stone, Director
Green Thumb Community Gardens
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
49 Chambers Street - Room 1020
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Stone:

Please be advised that Community Board No. 1 is in support of establishing an interim community GreenThumb garden at the location of a city owned property at 375 South 5 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

The Gardeners of Hooper Street Park, the organizers for the 375 South 5th Street Garden, have presented their plans to the CB #1’s Parks & Waterfront Committee. They seek to establish a community garden which will engage residents from the area. The Gardeners will be active in the space, especially during the growing season, planting various flowers and other greenery. They plan to engage the local community with the garden as open space. They will also be providing benches, tables, a tool shed and composting bins for gardening use. The gardeners have provided a letter to CB #1 about their plans and it is attached.

It is understood by the organizers that the garden is a temporary interim use. The site is slated by NYC’s Department Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) for the development of affordable housing in the future.

Working for a Greener Greenpoint-Williamsburg.

Sincerely

Christopher H. Olechowski
Chairman

CHO/mbw
cc: Mr. Jack Hammer, HPD
PARKS & WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairman Christopher H. Olechowski
and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Philip Caponegro, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Meeting

The Parks & Waterfront Committee held a meeting at 6:30PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Bushwick Inlet Park Facility, 86 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The attendance sheet is attached.

(1.) Hooper Street Community Garden

375 South 5th Street (Lot owned by HPD) - Committee votes 3-0 to support a community garden at 375 South 5th Street. Organizers have given the committee a letter of acknowledgement stating the use of city owned land for community garden is of a temporary nature and the group will vacate if the land is needed for an affordable development.

(2.) McGolrick Park

The Committee has voted 3-0 to send a letter of recommendation to the Budget Committee to make McGolrick Park a #1 priority in Community Board 1 2015 Budget.
February 25, 2014

Brooklyn Community Board 1
435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11211

Dear Members of Brooklyn Community Board 1:

On behalf of the members of the Gardeners of Hooper Street Park please allow this letter to serve as acknowledgement of the temporary nature of any license to access the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") lot located at 375 S 5 Street. Should HPD grant us use of the lot, under a yearly license agreement, we understand our license may be revoked at a later date and is fully temporary in nature.

We share the community goal of the creation of affordable housing and our intention is to use the lot while it awaits an agreement for a fully affordable development. In the interim, we would like to take the opportunity to create public open space for the community in a severely park-starved neighborhood.

Should our effort prove successful, we hope the Board will be a partner in fostering a welcoming public space in the midst of a densely residential neighborhood.

We appreciate the Board's consideration, and hope to receive your support. Should you have any questions, please contact Robert Atterbury at (845)664-3802.

Sincerely,

Robert Atterbury on behalf of
Gardeners of Hooper Street Park