



November 14, 2016

Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York NY 10007

Mayor de Blasio,

This letter is an expression of support from Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation for the permanent preservation of Green Valley Farm and Community Garden as a NYC Parks Department GreenThumb Garden. Green Valley is a key community institution that provides fresh produce, science education and open space and recreation to our neighbors in Brownsville.

We were very pleased to see that in December 2015, your office announced that Green Valley would be permanently preserved and understood that the announcement applied to the whole garden, which has occupied Brooklyn block 3857, lots 1, 24, 25, 26 and 27 since the days when Rudolph Giuliani was Mayor of New York City.

Through the partnership of Isabahlia Ladies of Elegance Foundation, Inc. and the Green Valley Farm we've established funding to support Farmers' Markets and Community Gardens through a 2 year USDA grant and we plan on continuing our support of local gardens, including the Green Valley Farm to expand food access and healthy eating for Central Brooklyn Communities. Your support to ensure both lots at Green Valley Farm are permanently preserved ensures our work can continue and thrive.

I am disheartened to learn that only lot 1, which is a paltry 21.67' x 85.58', has been transferred to NYC Parks even though nearly a year has gone by since the preservation announcement was made. I write today to urge you to transfer the remaining lots where the bulk of the farm and greenhouse are located.

I am really pleased that your administration has recognized the value of Green Valley, a resident-developed project, via its permanent preservation.

Sincerely,

Tracey Capers
Executive Vice President
Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation
1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216
Office (718) 636 – 6906
Email tcapers@restorationplaza.org