

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Funding Request

Fiscal Year ~~07~~ 2011

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Please review the application requirements and selection criteria prior to completion of this funding request form. Each project request should be submitted separately. For Town departments and committees, multiple projects should be prioritized.

Project Title: Teak Sherman Community Garden

Full Name of Entity Submitting Application:

Sustainable Scituate

(If submitted on behalf of an organization, please include a statement from the Clerk of the organization certifying organization's approval.)

Contact Person:

Name: Gwen Morgan, Treasurer

Address: 175 Judge Cushing Road Scituate MA 02066

Telephone: 781 545-4344

Purpose: Please check all that apply: Open Space Community Housing
 Historic Preservation Recreation

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Full Description of Project:

(Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

The Teak Sherman Community Garden will need additional funding to provide water during the planting season, purchase lumber and supplies to attach gates to existing fencing, and obtain seeds (organic) through Holly Hill farm in Cohasset. Instructional hours of approximately \$1,500 in value for farming education through Holly Hill farm and the farmers at the Norwell C.S.A. is our 2011 goal.

Requested Attachments: Property Address including Scituate Assessor's Map, Lot and Block Number; Name of Current Owner; Deed to Current Owner, if available; Maps, Surveys, if available; Appraisals and Agreements, if available; Estimated Construction Costs; Description of Methodology; Description of Natural Features of the Property; Any Additional Documents Available

Amount of Funding Requested: \$ 1,000 (seeds and water) + \$1,500 (fence gates, farm and educational hours)

Time Line of Project: April 2011 through November 2011

If this project is expected to continue beyond Fiscal Year '06, please provide a phasing schedule:

Fiscal Year Total Cost CPC Funding Request

2006 _____

2007 _____

2008 _____

2011 2009 \$750.00

2012 2010 _____

Total: \$ 2,500.00

T.B.D. *

* Sustainable Scituate is only projecting one year at a time for budgeting.

Any funding support for our 2011 season is appreciated and, based on funding, we establish our goals. We operate frugally. To date we have provided seeds, organic soil, rainbarrels, fencing, labor, and instructional time and continue to have available funds. Improvement and expansion relies on additional funding.

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Are there additional or alternative sources of funding for this project? Please describe in detail:

Include a brief narrative indicating how this proposal meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act and specifically how it benefits the Town of Scituate and residents. (Please refer back to Selection Criteria as relevant to your application.)

In 2009 we received a grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. We have also taken collections at the transfer station and solicited donations.

Please add any additional information that you feel the Community Preservation Committee should consider when reviewing your application.

Our first year was a great success! We provided plots to three food pantry families and our volunteer efforts provided fresh organic produce to the food pantry all season. Our plot list is now expanding to include Girl Scout troops and others willing to donate

Signature of Applicant
Date

Received by . on the day of , 2009

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

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(For Applicant's Records)
Community Preservation Committee

Received from _____, as application entitled _____, on the _____ day of _____.

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(signature)

a % of their yield to the food pantry. Teak Sherman's granddaughter, Sue Loring, and his great grandson grew corn and pumpkins. This is Community

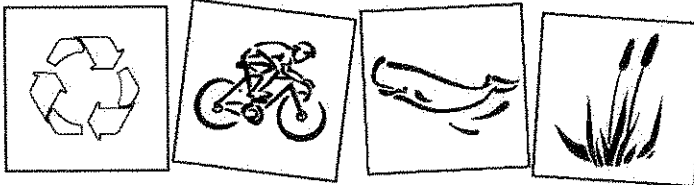
Preservation
in
action!

Please see attached reference material.

Sincere thanks
for your consideration,
Wisa Bertolo
President, Sustainable
Scituate

P.S. See our website for pictures and more information.

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March 5, 2010

Greetings Sustainable Scituate Supporter!

We have some exciting news about a very important sustainable project happening in Scituate, the **Teak Sherman Park Community Garden Project**, and we are asking for your assistance in making this golden opportunity a reality!

The Teak Sherman Park Community Garden Project is a collaborative effort between Sustainable Scituate and resident organic farmer Jon Belber, Director of Education at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. The Scituate Conservation Commission has generously offered a parcel of Town conservation land known as the Teak Sherman Park for two purposes:

- Up to one half of the parcel will be dedicated to community organic gardening for seniors and low-income residents of Scituate
- No less than one half of the parcel will be dedicated to providing fresh organic produce to the Scituate Food Pantry and teaching organic farming to Scituate Food Pantry recipients, Scituate residents, and Scituate Intermediate and High School students

In recent years, the Town of Scituate has watched our farmland give way to residential development. The pressure to preserve open space and still allow development has created a tension between conservation and growth. This project would use protected open space to feed those in need, provide a quality-of-life outdoor activity for able seniors, and educate teenagers about responsible farming techniques. If the project expands, it will also create a local supply of fresh organic produce to potentially supply local markets or restaurants.

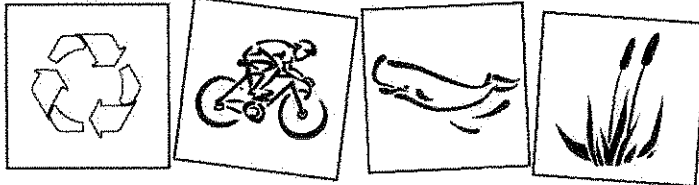
Our greatest challenge is the finances associated with turning the open space into organic farmland. Sustainable Scituate has received some grant funding, but additional monies are still needed to finance some initial large items, specifically:

- Fencing off the parcel to prevent deer and other critters from eating produce (estimated at approximately \$2,000-\$3,000)
- Hoses and watering equipment
- Bulletin board for announcements of spring/fall clean-ups, watering schedules, etc.

We hope to rely on offers of in-kind donations for tools and use our current grant monies towards purchasing a small shed. Jon Belber has generously offered his time and expertise to launch this effort. Your financial donation will help make this project a success and will be joined by others who care about feeding the needy, preserving our farming tradition, and expanding the meaning of community in Scituate.

* In 2011 The Town of Scituate will provide water to the site. Although we hope to continue using rainwater, some water usage will be required.

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Please donate whatever you can to this effort (no amount is too small)! Paperless PayPal and credit card donations can be made through our website www.sustainablescituate.org (click on **Donate Today!** in the upper left corner) or checks can be made payable to “Sustainable Scituate” and mailed to our Treasurer, Gwen Morgan 175 Judge Cushing Road Scituate MA 02066

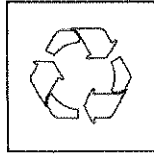
Also, please email us (emailsustainablescituate@gmail.com) if you are interested in making an in-kind donation or adding your name to our garden volunteer list.

For more information on this exciting project, please visit our booth at the Volunteer Expo at the Scituate Public Library on Wednesday March 10, 2010 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Thank you for your help in envisioning a Sustainable Scituate!

Lisa Bertola
President, Sustainable Scituate

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SCITUATE COMMUNITY GARDEN Volunteer Sign-Up List

Help us help our community one seed at a time!

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

Looking for community service hours? Y __ N__

Please list the dates and times you are available:

Have a special interest? Please check any and all items that you are interested in helping with:

Early April fence raising __

Summer seeding, weeding, and watering __

Fall harvest __

Winter bed preparation, composting __


Food Pantry deliveries on Tues mornings __

May we contact you for help? Y __ N__ If yes, what is the best way to contact you?

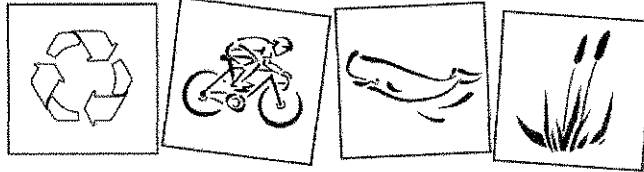
Do you have a buddy you can bring to help? __

We truly appreciate your help with this community project! Please sign the attached form and
Check our website to stay up to date on the progress of the Scituate Community Garden!

And please feel free to contact us via email for additional information.

www.SustainableScituate.org  EmailSustainableScituate@gmail.com

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I have read and agree to comply with the above guidelines of the Teak Sherman Park Community Garden. I understand that renting a plot involves gardening, an activity that includes risks such as, but not limited to, effects of the water, interaction with other participants, falls and injury due to the use of garden equipment and the act of gardening itself. I hereby expressly assume all risks including personal injury and death, arising in any way out of my participation in the garden.

I am solely responsible for my own health and safety. I respect and warrant that I am physically fit and able to participate in the garden.

I agree, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to not sue and to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Scituate, the owner of the garden property, Sustainable Scituate, the Scituate Conservation Commission, their affiliates, agents, volunteers, and employees, and all sponsoring businesses and organizations and their agents and employees, from any and all liability claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of my participation in this and related activities – whether it results from the negligence of any of the above or from any other cause.

I understand that neither the Town of Scituate, Sustainable Scituate, or the Scituate Conservation Commission are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Town of Scituate, Sustainable Scituate, and the Scituate Conservation Commission for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my family and guests.

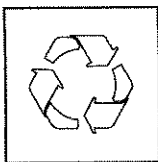
I, the undersigned, have read and agree to abide by the Teak Sherman Park Community Garden guidelines, and I understand that the failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the loss of my gardening privileges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and bring your form to the first work party or mail to:

Sustainable Scituate c/o Gwen Morgan, Treasurer 175 Judge Cushing Road Scituate MA 02066

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SCITUATE COMMUNITY GARDEN Food Pantry Survey

Helping one seed at a time!



Dear Pantry folks –

We are excited to announce that our fresh produce selection may expand this summer thanks to the Scituate Conservation Commission, which generously donated the Teak Sherman Park, situated off of Rte. 3A, for community gardening.

Individual plots are currently available through Sustainable Scituate on a first-come-first-serve basis to Scituate Seniors and Food Pantry folks. **Please ask for more information, obtain an application, or visit the Sustainable Scituate website at www.sustainablescituate.org or emailsustainablescituate@gmail.com.** Growing your own food can be very rewarding.

If you enjoy fresh organic produce, we would like your feedback on the selection of crops to offer this season. Please let us know if you would like the following items, by circling those you prefer.

Garlic

Strawberries

Raspberries

Herbs (oregano, chive, scallions)

Kale

Tomatoes

Potatoes

Onions

Summer Squash/Zucchini

Carrots

Beans

Lettuce

Eggplant

Peppers

We are also interested in what types of other produce (other herbs, pumpkins, corn etc.) you would enjoy. Please feel free to list those items below or give us any other important feedback about how to incorporate fresh, locally-produced food into you and your family's weekly grocery plan **YOUR COMMENTS** are appreciated!

OTHER PREFERENCES or COMMENTS:

