

# P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

## PARKS & GREEN SPACES LEVY: INFLATION FUNDS PROJECTS

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program has been given an additional \$427,000 for community garden development from the 2008 Parks and Green Space Levy. As a result of low inflation, funds reserved for that purpose have been reallocated to support a combination of new garden opportunities and needed improvements to existing gardens. These projects will add approximately 115 new community garden plots, plus 14,500 square feet of urban agriculture gardening space.

### *Background:*

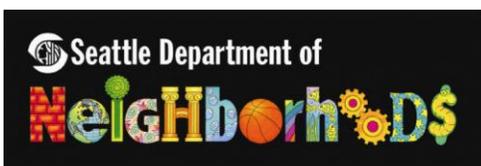
The P-Patch Community Gardening Program received \$2 million from the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy to build four P-Patch gardens. Through community involvement and leveraging of funds, the P-Patch Program will have completed 17 new gardens and expanded 5 existing gardens with that funding. In 2013, reallocated Levy inflation contingency funds will allow development of 7 additional projects.

### *Use of inflation funds:*

- **Three new gardens will be constructed** providing a total of approximately 105 **gardening plots** in Licton Springs (North Seattle Community College), First Hill (Horiuchi Park) and Capitol Hill (Broadway Hill Park).
- **Two urban agriculture sites** totaling approximately 7000 square feet will be developed to provide agriculture space. The land is municipally-owned and will be managed by the city's Food Systems Interdepartmental Team.
- **Ten new garden plots** will be developed in **Judkins P-Patch** after much needed infrastructure improvements are completed.
- **Three market gardens** totaling 7500 square feet will be added to the Marra Farm Large Tract Project to support additional farmers. Marra Farm presently supports three low-income farmers who grow and sell food in areas with limited access to fresh produce.
- Now finishing construction, **Bitter Lake P-Patch** will receive additional funds to cover its integration **with an adjacent new playground** that was built by Seattle Parks and Recreation with Levy Opportunity Funds.

### *Timing of projects:*

Newly funded P-Patch community gardens projects will begin in 2013 with new plots assigned to gardeners in the fall of 2013 or spring of 2014. The Marra Farm expansion and the two urban agriculture spaces will be completed and ready for farming in 2013.



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