



**Commissioner Nick Fish**  
City of Portland

Dear Friends,

There's never been a better time to join with partners and build community gardens. By bringing together neighbors, businesses, non-profits, schools, the faith community and government - we can make it possible for everyone to grow their own healthy food.

In 2009 the City and County jointly adopted a bold Climate Action Plan that calls for 1,000 new garden plots by the end of 2012. Through public-private partnerships, we can collectively achieve this ambitious goal.

We are extremely proud of the *Friends of Portland Community Gardens* and their commitment to expanding Portland's network of community gardens. Their leadership makes joining this effort easy and rewarding. And, they ensure that your contribution results in real impacts on the ground.

Through our Community Gardens Initiative, we can make the city of Portland a shining model for how partners come together and build lasting community improvements. By supporting *Friends of Portland Community Gardens* you're becoming part of a larger local movement committed to good health and sustainable communities for all.

Together, we will meet the increasing demand to grow food here in Portland. In the process, we'll develop lasting relationships, beautiful public spaces and healthier communities.

Thank you for considering joining the movement.

Sincerely,

Nick Fish

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