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Dear Naperville Resident,

Thank you for your recent participation at the September 11, 2008 meeting of the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners. The Park District values your comments concerning the Garden Plots and we understand the importance of gardening within the community.

The purpose of the Park District Board discussion at the September 11th meeting was to consider a recent request received from School District 203, which sought the Park District's assistance in soliciting additional community input related to the potential development and future use of the garden plots area. Based upon the direction received from the meeting, the Park District intends to work collaboratively with School District 203 to engage residents and key stakeholders within the garden plot community. The goal will be to gather thoughts and insights from you and your fellow residents to help us understand how we can improve gardening in Naperville.

It is important to note that no decisions have been made concerning the current Garden Plots site. Initial concepts were presented as part of the Caroline Martin Mitchell study to begin gathering community input regarding these ideas. Any decision to relocate and develop a portion of the garden plots would need the support of the Naperville Community Unit School District 203 Board and Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners. In addition, since the property is owned by the City of Naperville any changes to the current use of the property also would require approval by City Council. Recommendations to these governing bodies would only take place after the completion of an extensive public input process.

In the near future, School District 203 and the Park District will initiate a public process that will explore the Garden Plots area in greater detail. There will be a number of forthcoming public input opportunities for gardeners and residents to voice their opinions, and we encourage all with an interest in this topic to be active participants.

We appreciate your interest in the Naperville Park District, specifically the Garden Plots, and look forward to your continued involvement in future public input opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Director of Recreation