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<http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/index>.

The Community Garden, Chatham NJ

Current Status: March 2010

The Community Garden is in the first stage of implementation—and all is going well. Chatham Township residents are benefiting already--1/3 of all the lots are going to Chatham Township residents. More than 28 Chatham Township residents have been assigned lots and/or are on the Wait List. It was a **Chatham Township resident, Marta McDowell**, who spearheaded this Community Garden effort and without her perseverance, the Community Garden would not be the reality it is today for Chatham Township residents.

Thanks go also to The Chatham Borough Land Conservancy Committee and Municipality of Chatham Borough. Much thanks go to **Tom and Mike Bucuk** from **Green Path Organic Landcare, of The Chathams**. Green Path, which donated time and labor for the first stage of implementation, will also donate their time and labor to install the Garden fencing this April. Pete Coviello of **Coviello Landscaping** also volunteered his time and labor to spread compost over the garden.

The Community Garden is located on PSE&G land, at the intersection of Main Street and Division Street, Chatham Borough.

Photos and Blog: Status at Community Garden Blog: <http://chathamcommunitygarden.blogspot.com/>

Questions: please contact Chatham Township Environmental Commission Associate Member Marta McDowell. Marta is also a member of the Chatham Township Green Team – Sustainable Jersey Program. martamcdowell@mac.com

Highlights:

Jan 2010: Groundbreaking

Feb 1-24 2010: Chatham Township and Chatham Borough Residents Submit Applications for Lots

Feb 25, 2010: Lottery –assignment of lots

Feb-March 2010: Layout, initial paths and boundaries dug, compost delivered, etc.

April: fencing

May: Garden expects to open!

Articles:

- March 2010: Chatham Patch publication of the Lecture Info Flyer "Preparing for Your First Year at the Chatham Community Garden" Where: the Library, 214 Main St, Chatham, NJ 07928 ; Date: March 31, 2010; Time: 7:00pm–9:00pm; Free, Open to All.
- March 9, 2010: Chatham Patch: <http://chatham.patch.com/articles/plots-assigned-at-community-garden>
- Feb 1, 2010: The Independent Press http://www.nj.com/independentpress/index.ssf/2010/02/compost_arrives_for_chatham_co.html
- Jan 25, 2010: The Alternative Press <http://www.thealternativepress.com/article.asp?news=9524>
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- Jan 4, 2010: The Mayor's New Year Message

Related Links:

- Truly "green" lawns http://www.chathamtownship.org/healthy_lawns.html
- Pesticide harm http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/2nd_film_discussion_event.pdf
- Invasives http://www.chathamtownship.org/Invasives_CTEC.html
- Chatham Township's Native Wildlife Habitat <http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/native-wildlife-habitat.html>
- Composters and Rain Barrels <http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/CompostersRainBarrels-Multi-Municipalities.pdf>

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