



Spring in the Restored Piermont Community Garden

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Superstorm Sandy destroyed the Piermont Community Garden in October 2012, and the goal of our Sow It Forward project was to rebuild it with new, and stronger materials.

Established in 1995, the Piermont Community Garden is an integral part of the community life of this Hudson River Village. Nestled at the foot of the River in the center of town and adjacent to a public park, the garden provides a local aesthetic. Owned by the village, the land is divided into 72 member plots. All members are responsible for their own plot, to grow, maintain, water, weed and plant according to a set of rules and regulations. In addition, there are several common area beds where fruit and herbs are grown.

Those beds were all but washed away last fall when Sandy's 9-foot tidal surge flooded the garden entirely, destroying or damaging fencing, bed frames, signage, arbor, tool shed and compost bins. Thousands of pounds of debris were deposited at the garden and surrounding area.

It has literally taken a village and a lot of generosity to bring the gardens back. On the weekend of April 6 & 7, volunteers from the Piermont Rowing Club, the Tappan Zee High School Lion's Club and Girls Lacrosse Team, neighbors and friends of the Gardeners, and even strangers from other towns converged on the Garden and joined the Gardeners to level walkways, lay gravel and sand, pass over 8000 bricks into the Garden, lay them in the walkways and cement them into frames around the beds. For this tremendous show of volunteer people power, we owe a welcomed debt of gratitude. If we can't pay it back, may we sow it forward!

And to the Sow I Forward program, our local Lowe's store and all of our other donors who contributed funds toward the purchase of bricks and the building of our new handicap-accessible beds, we say "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" We couldn't have done it without your financial support.

We are so grateful to the community for helping in this ambitious venture to make our Garden not only more sustainable, but also more beautiful.

If you happen to be in the area, please come and visit the garden this summer and enjoy a stroll along our new brick paths among lush vegetation.

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