

**May OST Commission Meeting
Youth Gardens Site Visits
May 25, 2004 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

First Visit (2:30 pm?)

Youth Farm and Market Program

West side St. Paul garden site at La Puerta Abierta Church
92 East Morton Street
St. Paul, MN

Directions: 94 East to 52 south
Exit on Plato and go right to Robert Street
Left on Robert Street
Follow until you see a mural on the right.
Turn right past mural on Page Street -- garden is on the right.
Park on street on right.

Contact: Jeff Bauer, executive director, Youth Farm and Market
612-695-6777

Second Visit: (3:20 pm)

Community Design Center's Youth Enterprise in Food and Ecology

Meet at Swede Hollow Café
725 East 7th St.
St. Paul, MN
651-776-8110

Directions: From Youth Farm and Market:
Back to 52 and head North to East 7th Street. Turn right.
The Swede Hollow Café is near the top of the hill on the left.

Contact: Ruth Murphy, executive director, CDC
651-228-7073

To get to 94 West after this visit: 7th street to Mounds. Left on Mounds and see signs to 94.

Third visit: (4:15?)

Farm in the City's youth program

Meet at the garden site at
1221 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Contact: Anna Wasescha 651-646-8733

Program Summaries – May 25, 2004 Site Visits

Youth Farm and Market Project

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact: Jeff Bauer, Executive Director

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We will meet with the executive director, youth staff, and youth gardeners at one of Youth Farm and Market's St. Paul sites. The Youth Farm and Market Project is a multicultural community gardening enterprise that builds on a variety of traditions in working the land, growing, and preparing food. Youth Farmers build cross-cultural and intergenerational relationships, cultivate youth leadership, engage in micro-enterprise development, and organize neighbors to envision, realize and activate neighborhood public space.

The West Side garden is one of Youth Farm and Market's 8 garden sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Project LEAD serves 25 youth ages 14-18 with employment in the gardens, and leadership and career development opportunities. Youth Farm and Market established the project for youth who were too old to participate in the regular Farm and Market program, but who wanted to stay involved. Youth Farm and Market Project also offers a 10-week summer program and a school-year program, urban gardens in three neighborhoods in the Twin Cities, Project LEAD and an Immigrant Youth Farming and Nutrition Program.

Community Design Center of Minnesota

St. Paul, Minnesota

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We will meet with the executive director, youth staff, and youth gardeners at the Community Design Center's Rain Garden site at the Swede Hollow Café. During the summer months, CDC offers "salad share days" where youth are preparing produce for 30 regular, weekly customers -- produce from CDC's ten garden sites on St. Paul's eastside. The CDC employs youth throughout the year in its youth gardens programs, and young people are involved in all aspects of planning, planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and marketing!

The Community Design Center has a 33-year history of working with low-income communities. Most of its current work focuses on Youth Enterprise in food and ecology projects for youth who live or attend school on the East Side of St. Paul. Community Design Center offers cooking classes, environmental art and science classes, service learning opportunities, career mentoring, and youth ecology service opportunities.

Farm in the City

St. Paul, Minnesota

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We will meet with Farm in The City's executive director, youth staff, and youth participants at one of its garden sites in St. Paul. Farm in the City (FC) is designed to teach positive environmental principles, healthy lifestyles, creativity, teamwork, and respect for diversity in our community and in the natural world. FC offers lessons in horticulture, cooking, nutrition, environmental science, and environmental arts. FC offers a garden-based summer youth program, a community garden, an ESL program, service learning for college and university students, a year-round environmental and community arts program, and a site for growing food for the hungry.