



Peekskill City School District

Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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City Manager Andrew Stewart
City of Peekskill
840 Main Street
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Dear City Manager Stewart,

August 19, 2020

I am writing a letter of support for the proposed Peekskill Community Farm project at Lepore Park, 800 Main Street. This project will use privately raised funds to take a portion of Lepore Park and transform it into something that is productive, welcoming, marks downtown Peekskill as a city on the cutting edge of urban sustainability, and provides fresh food and opportunities for education to the community.

The Peekskill Community Farm project will enrich Peekskill's community by bringing free sustainable and experiential learning of organic growing practices to the community, provide local and nutritious produce to households, create an interactive and beautiful public space, jobs for youth, and promote economic development and tourism.

In addition, the Peekskill Community Farm project will serve a diversity of local residents through the cultivation of deep community partnerships with local organizations, including the Peekskill City School District (PCSD) and other educational institutions, Peekskill Business Improvement District, Peekskill Conservation Advisory Council, Peekskill Youth Bureau, Peekskill Summer Youth Employment Program, Peekskill Nutrition Program, local restaurants, and non-profit organizations like the New Era Creative Space and Peekskill-NAACP.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Mauricio