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## Senator Montgomery's Guide to Community Gardens and Greenmarkets in the 25th Senate District

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Dear Neighbor,

It is my honor to represent you in the N.Y. State Senate and to serve as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

In 2012, my legislation to increase membership on the State Procurement Council to include a representative of the State's agricultural community was signed into law. New York's farming industry - from wineries, to produce farms, to orchards, to dairy farms, to maple syrup producers,

to craft beer breweries, to artisanal food companies is the cornerstone of our state's economy.

Building partnerships between upstate farms and New York City green markets, farmers markets, schools and industry are my legislative priorities that will increase access to fresh foods and provide relief from food deserts in our neighborhoods.

The 25th Senate District is home to innovative urban farms and beehives, beautiful community gardens and busy green markets. Community gardens are vibrant resources for our neighborhoods that provide beautiful green spaces. Greenmarkets provide us with affordable and fresh seasonal produce.

I hope you will join me in visiting the markets and community gardens in our community and celebrating the hard work of dedicated volunteers who create these urban oases in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Senator Velmanette Montgomery