

What People Are Saying About Montgomery Victory Gardens



"Montgomery Victory Gardens has quickly become an important thread connecting our county's farm and garden communities with up-to-date issues, events, and information to help re-localize our food system - creating a healthier community in so many ways. Red Wiggler Community Farm is specifically grateful to MVG for linking our unique farm programs to an expanding audience of supporters, potential CSA members, and a wealth of useful information."

~ Woody Woodroof, Founder and Executive Director, Red Wiggler Community Farm

"MVG provides an invaluable service to all Montgomery County residents-- food activists, food growers, and those who just eat food. Their updates are among the most comprehensive resource for local food issues and events, and their unrelenting effort to lift the ban on vegetable gardens in public schools is turning heads and making change. I'm extremely grateful for MVG's commitment to creating a sustainable, local food shed in Montgomery County, and view them as a central partner in my own food access and local foods work through the Crossroads Farmers Market."

~ Michele Levy, Co-Director, Crossroads Farmers Market

"While we still have more work to do to bring vegetable gardens to Montgomery County schools, without Montgomery Victory Gardens' ability to organize public support and generate media coverage, we would not even be sitting at the table with MCPS right now to discuss it. Congratulations on your exceptional efforts."

~ David Vismara, Chief of Horticultural Services Division, Montgomery County Department of Parks

"I applaud the latest efforts from organizations and residents to support {community and school gardens}, namely Gordon Clark of Montgomery Victory Gardens. Mr. Clark's open letter to Dr. Jerry D. Weast, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent made the case for community gardens in schools. Since then a growing number of civic and community groups in the County have joined together to request that MCPS allow vegetable gardens on school grounds."

~ Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin, District 5

"It was a pleasure to hear you speak so eloquently about the importance of food in our daily life... in our Rethink Montgomery series. We will be continuing the Rethink discussion among our staff to develop new approaches to our work and what we learned from your talk will certainly inform our discussions."

~ Rollin Stanley, Director, Planning Dept., Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission

"Gordon is an articulate spokesperson, increasingly quoted in the media on local food and community gardening issues. I've known many food gardeners, but I've never met one who has made the wide-ranging public impact that Gordon has, and in such a short time."

~ Erica Smith, Coordinator, Montgomery County Master Gardener's Assn's "Grow It Eat It" Program

"I want to thank you for everything you and MVG did to make Revathi's (an AID Fellow and an Organic Farmer) trip here as wonderfully successful as it was. From meeting some outstanding

farming resource people to the beautiful farms we visited, we found the entire time a wonderful and enriching experience from beginning to end. It was a pleasure working with you; your enthusiasm and commitment are admirable."

~ Arun Gopalan, Executive Board Member, Association for India's Development