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Capital District Community Gardens Celebrates the Opening of Steinmetz Park Community Garden

SCHENECTADY – Capital District Community Gardens celebrated the opening of The Steinmetz Park Community Garden with a ribbon cutting today. The garden was created in collaboration with the City of Schenectady and the Goose Hill Neighborhood Association and made possible with funds from a grant from the NYS Department of Health’s Healthy Heart Program.

"Prior to this initiative in Goose Hill, the area at Steinmetz Park was an expanse of nothingness," said Goose Hill Neighborhood Association member Camille Sasinowski. "Today we have a quilt of edible vegetation capable of feeding several families."

Mayor Gary R. McCarthy was among the Schenectady residents who joined the Steinmetz gardeners and the Goose Hill Neighborhood Association and CDCG’s Executive Director, Amy Klein, to cut the ribbon on the new garden.

"The City Of Schenectady is proud to work together with Capital District Community Gardens and the Goose Hill Neighborhood Association on opening the Steinmetz Park Community Garden," said Mayor Gary R. McCarthy. "It will be a rewarding and satisfying venture for the residents in our city."

More than 4,000 residents throughout the region grow their own food with CDCG each year. Steinmetz Park is the organization’s 48th Community Garden. Each year, 441 tons or \$2million worth of organic produce is harvested from the organization’s 900 plots throughout Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga counties.

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 37 year old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more.
