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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Capital Roots Puts Down Roots on 55th Community Garden

Albany Community Garden will open on Earth Day

(Albany, N.Y.) – <u>Capital Roots</u>, the local food access nonprofit, will unveil their newest Community Garden on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 251 Morris Street, Albany. The garden will be open for its first growing season this year and will provide space for 60 families or 240 individuals to grow their own organic produce close to home.

WHO: Amy Klein, Capital Roots, CEO

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan

Senator Neil Breslin

Assemblymember Patricia Fahey Assemblymember John McDonald Representatives from Tri-City Rentals

Members of the Park South Neighborhood Association

Gardeners, supporters, neighbors

WHAT: Unveiling of Capital Roots' 55th Community Garden

WHERE: 251 Morris St, Albany

WHEN: Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

This space will be a part of Capital Roots' urban land trust and forever protected as a Community Garden and neighborhood resource. The land donation was made possible by Tri City Rentals, Albany Medical Center, BBL and Columbia Development.

More than 4,000 residents of the Capital Region reap the benefits sown in Capital Roots' 55 organically managed community gardens. Roughly 441 tons or \$2 million worth of organic produce is harvested annually from the organization's plots throughout Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga counties.

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Capital Roots is a 45-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with more than 50 Community Gardens, the Veggie Mobile\*, Healthy Stores, the Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Capital Roots is headquartered at the Urban Grow Center, a regional food hub focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties, enabling Capital Roots to deliver local food and services to underserved neighborhoods and low-income families. Learn more at <a href="https://www.capitalroots.org">www.capitalroots.org</a>.