

July 10th, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Garden Friendly Communities (GFC) is an initiative with the mission to galvanize communities through sustainable home and community gardens to increase the health of residents, ecologies and economies. The City of Fort Bragg has the opportunity to become the first Garden Friendly Community in the world through signing onto the GFC resolution, the primary document included within this packet. Also included are supportive documents that demonstrate the importance of the GFC initiative to Fort Bragg, the potential of it, and the community support for it. Listed below are the documents included within this packet and descriptions of them.

**The Resolution** to designate Fort Bragg, CA as a Garden Friendly Community.

**A Garden Assessment Map** for the city of Fort Bragg; identifying and quantifying the potential of Fort Bragg's open spaces to feed the community and to fix carbon.

**The Methodology** used to create the Garden Assessment Map and to quantify the potential amount food produced, people fed, and biomass grown.

**The Recommended Action Plan**, a document providing action steps and guidance for the establishment of Fort Bragg as a GFC. This action plan was developed through incorporating public input from Fort Bragg community members at a public community forum hosted on May 1st, 2019.

**Home and Community Gardening as a Solution**, illustrating evidence behind the need for, and the benefits of home and community gardens

**A Letter of Support from North Coast Opportunities (NCO)**, a nonprofit serving Mendocino and Lake County that has been supporting and starting community gardens for over a decade through the Gardens Project Program.

**Signatures of Support**, from Fort Bragg High School students for the GFC resolution.

**Case Studies**, highlighting organizations and cities that have implemented initiatives similar to the proposed GFC resolution, and the impacts of those initiatives.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider the Garden Friendly Community initiative as an option for the city of Fort Bragg, CA, and for reviewing the materials within this packet. For any questions or comments you can contact GFC's point person Matt Drewno through email [matt@victorygardensforpeace.com](mailto:matt@victorygardensforpeace.com), or phone (847) 404-2586.

Sincerely,

Involved members of Fort Bragg and surrounding communities