

**From:** [Ariane Goudeau](#)  
**To:** [Planning Department](#)  
**Subject:** Community Garden Lease Comments  
**Date:** Saturday, July 8, 2023 8:18:25 AM

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Good morning,

I would like to submit my comments regarding the community garden at the HPR location. I have mixed feelings. Overall, I would say that I am mostly for, with some concerns. On the one hand, I really like the idea of a community garden. I would like to see everyone with access to growing their own food. My concern with that location in particular is that it is a lovely little neighborhood berry patch. It is also quite muskeggy and will need quite a bit of work to develop into a garden space. However, if the alternative is turning that land into housing, then it gets developed either way and at least this way, some of the berries will be kept. My thinking is that at a personal level, I would like it to just stay as is. However, I don't own that property and I exist within a community. If there is community support, I think the permit should be accepted. Ideally, I would like to know that there are people interested in using that space as a garden someday. My concern being that it gets developed and then not used.

Thank you for reading,  
Ariane Goudeau

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:49:32 PM

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Hi,

Sending another comment/letter. I am wondering if instead of the Osprey location, which will require a lot of work to prepare the land for gardening, I am wondering if the Transition Sitka group could make use of the area around the skate park. It isn't as big, but would be a good start. My overall stance hasn't really changed, if the community wants this, I will support it. I am not at all familiar with the other location and have no opinions other than to say it is less centrally located.

Best,  
Ariane Goudeau

P.S. I was told by the Transition Sitka person that the Osprey area was being considered for residential development after raising my concerns directly to them, but now I am being told by someone else that it is not true and that the Transition Sitka person has been lying to get support for the garden. If this is the case, then please add that to the list of concerns you consider.

## Coral Crenna

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**From:** Melissa Henshaw  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 11:35 AM  
**To:** kylejurczyk8@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Us - New Form Submission for Sitka Alaska

Thank you so much for your comments. I have cc'd the Planning and Community Development department that is heading up this topic so that they will have your comments.

Have a great day,



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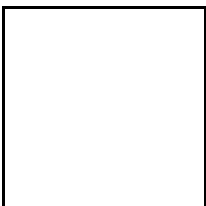
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**From:** no-reply@services.evo.cloud <no-reply@services.evo.cloud>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 9:32 AM  
**To:** Melissa Henshaw <melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org>  
**Subject:** Contact Us - New Form Submission for Sitka Alaska

### A new submission has been received for Contact Us at 07/14/2023 9:31 AM

**First Name:** Kyle  
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**Phone:** 870-847-2166

**Questions, Comments:** Good morning, I am writing as a proponent of the community garden. I believe this garden is a way to make this tightly woven community even closer, as well as increase our access to more fruits and vegetables. I tended to several gardens, as well as taught several composting classes, in Arkansas and I have already made a commitment to assist with the gardens if they are approved. I also have many contacts that have successfully managed community and school gardens. I hope this message adds to the importance of this matter. Thank you, Kyle Jurczyk



## Coral Crenna

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**From:** Brenda Campen <bcampen1562@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 6:08 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** support for Osprey St. community garden

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### To the Planning Commission:

I wish to offer my support for the Osprey St. community garden. I also support the Jarvis St. garden, but as I live in the Osprey St. neighborhood I will focus my comments on that proposal.

I live at 507 O'Cain Ave. and I walk in the neighborhood almost daily. The loss of the Blatchley community garden area has left a void for much needed options for gardens and food security. I miss the visual appeal and community feeling that existed when those gardens were in use.

As the proposal states, the area designated for Osprey St. garden plots is conveniently located. I like that the parking/vehicle entrance is adjacent to the ballfield rather than on Osprey St. which is narrow, congested, and often in need of maintenance. Fencing should keep the garden beds secure as there tends to be lots of foot traffic across and around the ballfield. I envision opportunities for BMS students and many Sitkans to witness community members working their garden plots; such a positive activity to observe and share.

I hope that an effort would be made to encourage families in Paxton Manor and adjacent rentals to participate in the Osprey St. community garden, perhaps with reduced rental fees.

The concerns of residents on Osprey St. regarding drainage in this muskeg area are legitimate and must be addressed. The proposed garden area is a muskeg.

I look forward to seeing these garden proposals being approved and developed.

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