

MEMO

TO: DEC
FROM: Peter Lowitt, FAICP Director
Date: May 4, 2021
RE: Raised Garden beds at YMC

Mark Dyament, CEO of YMC (formerly known as IPT) reached out to me about adding community gardening space at their facility (Charlestown and Jackson Road). I suggested raised bed gardening to avoid our soil and munitions issues. His company is supporting a nonprofit, <http://growingplaces.org/>, by providing them a space to grow fresh food. Many of YMC's employees participate in this program. I have authorized this as a Level 1 project and request the DEC waive the \$50 permit fee in support of this nonprofit and its sustainable mission which comports with our sustainable development efforts.

YMC intends to put in three raised gardens on their 8 Charlestown Street property. These gardens will be used to support Growing Places – a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing healthy food to underserved communities.

The soil for the raised beds will be donated by Hollis Hill Farms.