



City of New Bedford

Office of Housing and Community Development

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PROJECT PROFILE:

Vacant Lot Restoration Project

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The City of New Bedford through the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) has allocated \$90,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the creation of community gardens and pocket green spaces on currently vacant lots in revitalization target areas throughout the City. These lots are owned by the City and were acquired through tax foreclosure. All sites are currently in the final design phase.

Selected Locations:

- SS Walnut St.—Corner of Pleasant and Walnut
- 85-99 Ruth St.—between Ashely St. and Salisbury St.
- WS Acushnet Ave.—corner of Nye St.
- 1927 Purchast St.—corner of Weld St.

Project Specifics:

- SS Walnut Street in the South Central neighborhood is being developed into a traditional community garden, in which the lot will be subdivided into small plots for growing food and/or flowers. It will be ready for planting by the spring 2009.
- 85-99 Ruth Street in the Cove Street neighborhood will be transformed into an urban oasis and neighborhood gathering spot, featuring a grassy picnic area; many trees, flowers, and shrubs; a large staging area for community events, and new sidewalks and fencing.
- WS Acushnet Avenue in the North End will become a passive green recreation spot similar to Ruth Street, with the added features of a pergola, arbors, and possibly a small sculpture garden.
- 1927 Purchase St. in the Acushnet Heights neighborhood will be developed as a daytime parking lot for area businesses with approximately 15-20 parking spots, a green “buffer” and bus stop seating area along the Purchase St. side, and historic signage.



SS Walnut



85-99 Ruth



WS Acushnet Ave



1927 Purchase St.