Name: Green Thumbs

Notebook

Mission Statement

Contact Information
Green Rabbit Farm (Suzanne Slomin and Aaron ?)
Malvin Hill (Kate Sweeny)
Alison Yahna (Permaculture)
Hamilton Whole Foods (Julia ? and Monica ?)

Sustainable Agriculture 101
Chapter 1: Fertilizing: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) vs. Organic Fertilizers
Chapter 2: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
Chapter 3: Soil
Chapter 4: Companion Planting
Chapter 5: Irrigation
Chapter 6: Composting
Chapter 7: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs, GM Foods)
Chapter 8: Certification
Chapter 9: History of Hamilton Agriculture

Goals (to be achieved by May)

• Cultivate a proposal, which identifies the short-range and long-range goals and expectations of the project.

• Plant the seed in students. The promise of this project lies in the commitment of the students involved. Its longevity will be determined ultimately by the amount of sustained energy and enthusiasm students demonstrate from the beginning. It is essential that by the end of this academic year, there exists a core student group that will assume authority and interest for this project into next year and the years to come. Therefore, come May, there must be a number of underclass people (preferably first years and sophomores) involved in this organization.

• Nurture relationships with local growers. The students, faculty, staff, and farmers involved in this project must be on the same page. The volunteer schedule and expectations of the farmers and those of the students must be agreed upon prior to beginning work. The student group and their faculty advisor should meet with the farmers involved so that the expectations of each entity are agreed upon. A good relationship and effective communication between parties is key to the success and appeasement of each entity.

• Identify program heads: 1 from The Loj plus 2 other students. Establish their roles.
• Create a distribution list of names of students interested in participating.
• Budget.

**Short-Range**

- **Hands-on work**
  - What kind of work are the farmers looking for? What are their needs?
  - Sketch out a rough calendar for this Spring, through the Summer and into next fall.
- **Service for other sites**
  - Hamilton Whole Foods. How can we help Julia and Monica?
  - Working with locals with home gardens.
  - The Village Green
  - Madison Group Home
- **Educational Outreach**
  - Educational campaign on campus (i.e. vegetable of the month)
  - Dining Halls
  - Hamilton Central School
  - Hamilton Library
  - The Basement
- **Volunteer Development** - weekly meetings
  - Teach-ins (i.e. sustainable agriculture 101)
  - Field Trips (i.e. local dairy farms, student-run organic farms)
  - Guest lecturers on sustainable agriculture
  - Potlucks
  - Workshops for Colgate Community given by students

**Long(er)-Range**

- **Proposal**
  - Colgate's own organic garden plot
  - Grants for student summer research and internships
  - Academic integration (i.e. independent studies, theses, on-site classes, research)
  - Week-long summer programs for Hamilton kids
  - Composting