



INFORMATION ABOUT 1115 LEONARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hi there!

New City Neighbors recently purchased the home on 1115 Leonard St. NE, including the green space behind it, and while we're not new to the Creston Neighborhood, we want to introduce ourselves to those who live in the nearby vicinity of this home! New City Neighbors is a non-profit organization based in Creston since 2007. Our mission is to Empower Youth to Reach their Full Potential. We run an urban farm as a way to provide leadership and learning opportunities for young people, while connecting with our community. We love the look and feel of the old farmhouse on this property. Our plan is to renovate the house, using the rooms as offices, space for some of our youth activities, and a drop in space where we occasionally sell vegetables or meals that we prepare from our garden. You likely recently received a notification for a Special Land Use Permit we are applying for. Below is some information about our intended use of the property:

FARM PROGRAM: We intend to use the green space behind the house for an urban farm. We have successfully run a 3 acre urban farm down the road at 4th Reformed Church for 8 years and we need to move from this location. For the program we intend to:

- Build a 40ft. X 20ft. **Greenhouse** just behind the largest outbuilding on the property.
- Divide the remaining land into three 100ft. X 60ft. field blocks used for vegetable gardening. **We intend to leave a walking path through the field for neighbors who use the property as a cut through to Fuller.**
- **We will not use any fertilizers that omit significant odors** (no animal manures)
- We very rarely use pesticides, if we do, **we will only use certified organic non-toxic pesticides.** They will be applied with a backpack sprayer and there will be no drift.
- **We do not use herbicides** at all.
- All **farm equipment** will be stored in the existing outbuildings. It will be small in scale and only used from 8am-4pm with a frequency similar to typical lawn maintenance.

CAFE PROGRAM: We intend to occasionally run a pop-up Cafe that sells wood-fired pizzas, soups and salads from ingredients grown on the farm.

- We intend to build a small **outdoor wood pizza oven on the east side of the house.**
- We will build a small **8 space parking lot** between the outbuildings and the house.
- During typical days and hours traffic will usually be contained to the new proposed parking area. Our property along the length of Herrick provides ample street parking and we don't anticipate needing additional parking space.

We look forward to meeting our new neighbors!

If you have any questions contact Lance Kraai at lancek@newcityneighbors.org: 616-238-8857. For more information on our programs please visit our website at www.newcityneighbors.org.