## Montrose Green Collaborates to Sponsor First Community Garden in Northcenter

Thanks to the incredible efforts of Lisa Hish and Elizabeth Wenscott, the ladies behind Northcenter Neighborhood Association's environmental group, "The Greening of Northcenter," Northcenter is proud to announce the coming of it's first organic, community garden this century thanks to true collaboration:

- Funding is provided by an anonymous sponsor and the <u>Northcenter</u> Neighborhood Association.
- The site is a fantastic location on Montrose Avenue, provided on a temporary basis by local community developer <u>Harrington Brown, LLC</u>, with additional support from <u>Alderman Pawar</u>.
- Further expertise comes by way of the amazing Peterson Garden Project, which specializes in victory gardens for the community.

The Peterson Garden Project will use the currently vacant site at Montrose Green – 1819 West Montrose Avenue, the future home of a proposed mixed-use commercial and residential building. Our plan is for this to be available for two growing seasons. This will be one of the five gardens hosted by the Peterson Garden Project in 2012.

One hundred and twenty-five plots are anticipated. Twenty will be used as "Grow2Give" beds, with the food donated to the <u>Common Pantry</u>, ten are available for local restaurant use, and the remaining plots are available for individual or family use at a cost of \$65/plot per season.

Sign up is open to the public and begins online April 2. Please visit <a href="https://www.petersongarden.org">www.petersongarden.org</a> to sign up and learn more about the fascinating history of victory gardens in Chicago.

The Greening of Northcenter Neighborhood: Parkways, Corners and Gardens Project

"Investing in Our Community, one plant at a time."