

# Permaculture Diary



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# Food & Water for 21st Century Cities

With food and water security front and centre in the sustainability debate, Josh Byrne highlights the role of gardeners for making a difference.



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# First Lady at Agriculture Department

Marian Burros, *New York Times* - 19 February 2009

Last week, the Agriculture Department started its own garden, one that will include fruits and vegetables to be donated to the city's soup kitchens. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack jackhammered a spot in the black asphalt outside the Whitten building to prepare the ground. It is part of an effort by the Obama administration to get people to grow some of their own food.

Mrs. Obama said she was particularly pleased that the department's facilities all over the world would be planting gardens. "I'm a big believer in community gardens," she said, "both because of their beauty and for providing access to fresh fruits and vegetables to so many communities across the nation and the world."



## Obamas to Plant White House Vegetable Garden

On Friday, March 20th, 2009, 23 5th graders will join First Lady Michelle Obama on the South Lawn of the White House to break ground on an 1100 square foot kitchen garden that will provide food for family dinners and formal dinners.

According to the *New York Times*: *The Obamas' garden will have 55 varieties of vegetables grown from organic seedlings started at the executive mansion's greenhouses.*

And better still: Almost the entire Obama family, including the president, will pull weeds, "whether they like it or not," Mrs. Obama said laughing.

Ok, you can stop pinching yourself: you aren't dreaming this and an off batch of sauerkraut hasn't caused a rare case of lacto-fermentation-hallucination.

Many individuals made this great day possible: - Alice Waters, Michael Pollan, John Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt, Barack and Michelle Obama.

We can feel pride in being the community that pulled together and made a difference. So let's celebrate that. The seeding or the weeding can wait. Tomorrow's about savouring a moment that was a long time in the making. - Roger Doiron.

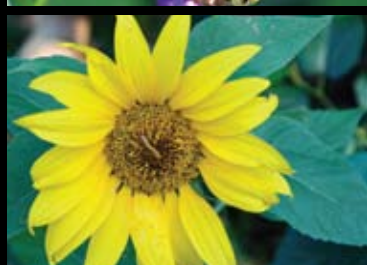




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