

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources

795 Main Street

Deadwood, SD 57732

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City of Rapid City

Rapid City Growth Management

300 Sixth Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

I am writing on behalf of the Lemmon Avenue Block Club and NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources to ask the city to allocate funding for the Lemmon Avenue Community Garden to pay for water. We are asking for this assistance as we would like to keep the garden affordable for residents as it is located in a low income area. We have looked into cost saving efforts like installing soaker hoses and watering at off peak times to make watering the garden more efficient. We have also talked about collecting rain water for residents to use in watering the garden to keep the cost of water down.

The Lemmon Avenue Community Garden is being constructed at 706 Lemmon Avenue and will benefit the residents on the four blocks of Lemmon Avenue. NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources, the Lemmon Avenue Block Club and residents who use the garden will share responsibility for the upkeep and management of the garden. Once constructed, this garden will have many benefits to this area, some of which include healthier food for residents, lower grocery bills, and helping in neighborhood cohesion. The garden will also present a learning opportunity for Girls Inc and General Beadle Elementary School Students as they will have plots in the garden to grow food.

We appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

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