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## **“Victory Garden” Project Moves Forward**

**October 7, 2009** — On April 20, 2009, Mayor Dennis Mulder presented the concept of the Victory Garden to the City Commission, and the Commission concurred to support *“The City of Deltona Charity Farms Victory Garden”* at a site located at the intersection of Tivoli and Providence Boulevards. On August 24, 2009, the City entered into a Use Agreement with Deltona United Church of Christ, Inc. and Charity Farms for this project.

As part of the support from the City, the site was prepared with a water line for irrigation purposes; and a portion was cleared of underbrush, for the purpose of locating a maintenance shed/trailer. The brush to be cleared was located to the rear of the cleared green space as well as part of the front of the building at the rear of the parking lot on the side where the administrative offices are located. This was done to allow for the Pastor and his administrative staff to have a clear view of the garden area from their administrative offices located on the side closest to the garden of the Church building at the back of the subject parking lot. Additionally, this allows for placement of a maintenance/storage trailer to house gardening tools and a small office space for coordinating volunteers to maintain the garden and donations to be provided to those in need.

Charity Farms is moving forward with plans to fence (chain-link fence) the property and once a survey of the property is obtained, a permit application for the fence will be applied for and it is anticipated that the fence materials and installation will be donated. A permit for the maintenance/storage trailer will also be applied for and the trailer itself is to be provided by Charity Farms. The City together with Charity Farms plans to plant and maintain this garden through the use of community volunteers.