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Mr. Wayne Clingman  
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*Re: Garden Project at former Danish Home*

Dear Mr. Clingman,

Per our discussion on the creation of a community garden at the former Danish Home site on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, I wholeheartedly support your efforts to develop this site as a community garden.

Dr. Patti Nagai, the County Horticulture Director, along with Ms. Rose Kora, would be great resources for your efforts. I also recommend getting help from the Master Gardeners of Racine who can be very informative to get your project started.

Please feel free to call me to help with the project as I have some equipment that would be of assistance in your endeavors.

Thanks for your efforts to make this vision a reality and Racine a better community.

Very Truly Yours,



Michael J. Miklasevich

**Jim Kaplan**  
**4<sup>th</sup> District Racine County Supervisor**  
**4<sup>th</sup> District Alderman, City of Racine**

**June 2, 2009**

**To the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine, and other interested parties:**

I am blessed to be the Alderman of the 4<sup>th</sup> District in the City of Racine and the County Supervisor of Racine County's 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Wayne Clingman is carrying the torch for what I saw when I attended a "Farmland Preservation Conference" at Burlington's Gateway facility earlier this year.

As an urban county supervisor and member of Racine County's UW-Extension Committee; I asked how urban communities could participate in this program. I was told that the minimum 35 acre rule could perhaps be suspended for an urban green space. There might be some state monies available for this project through the Farmland Preservation Act.

The building up of this city does not only mean physical structures. Structure in the life of our urban youth not accustomed to gardening would acquire insight and sweeten the aroma of the whole Lincoln-King area. Most of the neighboring lots are too small for a garden. We would have an on hand security team since they would be watching their own gardens, too.

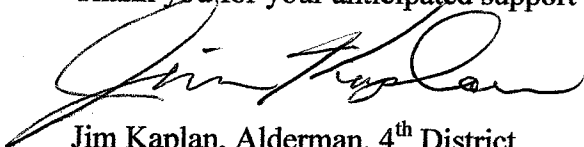
The very existence of this program is dependent upon a leader who will motivate participants. Wayne's guidance would produce hope, renewed interest in seeing things grow, and changed hearts that honor God's creation, themselves and all of Racine.

Please accept my endorsement and whole-hearted support for Mr. Wayne Clingman as he heads up a project I saw as The Lincoln-King Gardens.

Wayne Clingman has been a strong advocate for the betterment of Racine and those who live in her more densely populated neighborhoods. I believe that Mr. Clingman will put his heart and hands on this project with joy and vigor.

God only knows that we need good mentors. This program should help Racine grow in a place that is not yet ready for housing but could raise up a very good alterative crop.

Thank you for your anticipated support for Mr. Wayne Clingman,



Jim Kaplan, Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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