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### **Horses Return to Trenton to Kick Off Spring Gardening**

Trenton, N.J. – The Isles Garden Support Network, helping community and school gardens grow since 1981, invites you to experience farming the old-fashioned way! On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, a team of horses from Howell Living History Farm will plow the community garden at 81 Chestnut Avenue (between Walnut Ave. and Greenwood Ave.) between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The largest and oldest of more than 75 community and school gardens in Trenton, the Garden at Three Points has hosted the Howell Living History Farm plow teams for over 25 years. Operated by the Mercer County Park Commission, the Farm demonstrates farming techniques used in the U.S. at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and in many parts of the world today. Local students will participate in the hands-on event by helping direct the horses and learn about corn shelling, composting, and more.

“Even though we start seedlings in January to prepare for the upcoming year, the season doesn’t officially start for us until the plow breaks ground at the Garden of Three Points. It’s an incredible day where school kids, farm staff, and community gardeners learn and work together to build a better future through food. We are proud to share this tradition with Howell Farm and the community. It reminds us of our agricultural heritage and reconnects us with the soil and the food that comes from it,” says Jim Simon, Deputy Director of Community Planning at Isles.



Isles provides a range of training and support to people who grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables in seventy community and school gardens. Gardeners harvest more than 20,000 pounds of fresh produce each year, increasing food access and improving food quality in Trenton.

This event is free and open to the public. For more info, including how to join a community garden, please call 609-341-4724.