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Oxen 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2015, a team of oxen from Howell Living History Farm will plow the community garden at 81 Chestnut Avenue (between Walnut Ave. and Greenwood Ave.) between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

One of the largest of over 60 community and school gardens in Trenton, the Garden at Three Points has hosted the Howell Living History Farm plow teams for over 25 years. Run by the Mercer County Park Commission, the Farm demonstrates plowing techniques in the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century, and in many parts of the world, today. Local students will participate in the hands-on event, helping direct the horses, learn about corn shelling, soil composting and more.

“There’s no better way to start off the year than by sharing this tradition with Howell Farm and our community. It reminds us of our agricultural heritage, demonstrates how much better this technique is than rototilling, and reconnects us with the soil and the food that comes from it,” says Jim Simon, Urban Agriculture Manager at Isles.

Isles provides a range of training and support to people who grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables in sixty community and school gardens. Gardeners harvest more than 50,000 pounds of fresh produce each year, increasing Trenton’s food supply and quality.

This event is free and open to the public. In case of rain, it will be held on Thursday, April 2nd. For more info, including how to join a community garden, please call 609-341-4724.

