

**Report from Urban Landscaping Subcommittee re Green Albany proposal
February 18, 2009**

The urban landscape subcommittee has reviewed the Green Albany proposal and met with the author, Catherine Stern. Several components of this proposal mesh with the scope of the Sustainability Committee's work. We ask that these opportunities be identified in the next City of Albany newsletter, and with publicity for the Green Albany event. Items include:

organized gleaning: *SC wants to partner with a group that will commit to regular gleaning in Albany for purposes of Food Bank donations. The Urban Landscape Subcommittee has contacted the NorthBerkeleyHarvest gleaning group to explore possible partnership.*

bringing neighbors together for sustainable gardening: *SC provides opportunity for posts on greenalbany.ning.com for those who want to work with others in Albany*

local Farmer's Market: *SC is looking for a business plan that identifies the options and conditions for a local Farmer's market, and speaks to the circumstances of the former Farmer's market in Albany.*

support for neighborhood gardens: *SC will provide educational gardening workshops and educational resources, beginning with the Green Albany Day event on May 17. The workshops will focus on Bay-friendly plants, basic garden-design features, coping with drought conditions, the economics of gardening.*

The subcommittee plans review of these items in September 2009 to report on progress.