



# THE MUSEUM OF RECLAIMED URBAN SPACE

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Dear Friend,

I'm writing to wish you happy holidays from the Museum of Reclaimed Urban Space and to take this opportunity to give you an update. There is good news all around! Especially concerning the recognition of activist history in New York City and how it continues to transform our whole urban landscape with positive sustainable initiatives.

Did you know that recycling started in the community gardens? And now there is an official citywide recycling program. Along these same lines, local decision-makers have been studying composting in the community gardens, and they have rolled out the pilot NYC Compost Project. Our sustaining work and efforts influence local policy!

Our tours continue to attract local and international visitors, and we started to partner with more school programs. On a recent Friday, we led our first bicycle tour with 16 urban studies students from Copenhagen.

Last month was the annual Open House New York weekend where the community gardens and a few of the squats were open to the public. One of the squats was featured with its brand new sustainable roof farm. Additionally, the community gardens' activist efforts has now been picked up by the Museum of the City of New York in their *Activism* exhibit.

In addition to our growing video and photography archive, MoRUS has many outreach programs. MoRUS is continuing to provide indoor and outdoor lecture series as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual MoRUS Film Fest. In conjunction with Time's Up! environmental organization, MoRUS continues to protect, preserve and provide workshops in community gardens. This Halloween, 500 people attended our scary haunted Rat Race maze which hopefully scared them towards a more sustainable community way of life.

We also hosted the Adam Purple Speak Out Memorial at La Plaza, in conjunction with the Garden of Eden exhibit at MoRUS. This respect and recognition of Adam Purple blossomed into a historic event and was widely covered by the press. This was such a rare and beautiful moment where an environmentalist with no money was honored and memorialized in his passing. And we were also able to raise money for his green burial thanks to everyone's support.

MoRUS is all volunteer-run. All donations are 100% tax-deductible and go directly towards programming for 2016. The expanding appreciation for our urban history – squats, community gardens and local activism –has continued to increase since the museum started three years ago. But we still have a long way to go. With your support, we can continue. Please donate generously.

Thanks again for your continued support, and Happy New Year!