

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

### RE: LAND DISPOSITION VIA 5 YEAR LEASE LCI: New Haven Farms, Inc.

**REPORT:** 1492-22 118 Burr Street,  
1492-23 248 Ferry Street,  
1492-24 66 Liberty Street,  
1492-25 285 James Street,  
1492-26 42 Shelter Street

**ADVICE:** Approval

### PROJECT SUMMARY:

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**Developer:** New Haven Farms, Inc.  
**Disposition Price:** Lease \$1.00 per year  
**Site:** (See addresses above)  
**Zone:** All sites RM-2, except 118 Burr Street which is RS-2  
**Use:** Farm  
**Financing:** Grants  
**Subsidy:** TBD  
**City Lead:** Evan Trachten  
**Agency:** Livable City Initiative  
**Phone:** 946-8373

### BACKGROUND:

LCI proposes to lease these five separate properties to New Haven Farms Inc. for community farming, each for a five year period at \$1.00 per year. New Haven Farms will seek additional grant funding to run the sites. New Haven Farms has run a successful program of urban farming elsewhere in the City and wants to add these Hill, Fair Haven and East Shore locations to their program. New Haven Farms promotes eating healthier food and diabetes prevention through community engagement in their farms.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:** Community gardens and farms have been increasing in numbers and participation in New Haven, helping residents eat more healthily, reduce food cost and engage with their neighbors, as well as making use of lots that would otherwise be vacant.

### ADVICE:

The Commission finds the proposed land disposition via 5 year lease suitable for the sites in question and therefore recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** May 21, 2014  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director