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For Immediate Release:

## **New Conservancy Community Garden Opens at Glenside!**

It is our pleasure to announce the addition of the **Glenside Community Garden** to the Berks County Conservancy's BUG Community Garden Program in the City of Reading. Please join our 2007 sponsors, Carole & Ray Neag, Conservancy Members, and the community on Wednesday, **July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6PM** to celebrate the addition of this site to our program. The BUG Community Garden Program is a fascinating project that transforms vacant lots into healthy green community spaces and community gardens. This provides opportunities for local residents to grow their own vegetables, herbs, and flowers, which will engender economic self-sufficiency, health and nutritional benefits, resident cooperation, community spirit, and is an attractive green space in urban areas.

To date, a total of nine community gardens have been established through this program, and we anticipate the creation of at least one new garden each year. This has been successful due to the cooperation of the City of Reading, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Reading Housing Authority, numerous partnering organizations, grantors, the residents of these communities, and generous sponsors such as **Carole & Ray Neag, Jerry & Carolyn Holleran, Albert & Eunice Boscov, the Colonial Oaks Foundation**, and more. On July 25th we will officially recognize the Glenside Community Garden with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the **Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce** and words from our partners, residents and **Mayor McMahon**. *Please join us to see, first hand, how a community garden can change the aesthetics, and the spirit, of a community. Refreshments will be served.*

Members of the **Reading Housing Authority** and **Glenside Community Council** will be available to discuss the impact that the garden has made in their community.

### ***Directions to Glenside Community Garden:***

*The Glenside Housing Community is located on Route 183 (Schuylkill Avenue)—1.6 miles South of the Reading Regional Airport (between the Glenside Elementary School and Carpenter Technology entrance).*

**Enter Avenue A.** *Continue straight down Avenue A to end. Volunteers will be available to direct parking and to guide you to the garden.*

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