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CANTERBURY Council is asking residents to write in and suggest sites to establish local community gardens.

Council's commitment to support additional community gardens comes after Greens councillor Linda Eisler proposed they explore the concept of setting them up. Canterbury Mayor Robert Furolo said following the success of the Community Gardens Project in Riverwood, they're now allocating \$20,000 in the 2009/10 Budget to assist interested and approved groups to establish community gardens.

"As part of the redevelopment of Salt Pan Creek and Riverwood Wetlands, we doubled the size of the existing community gardens - and still can't meet the demand for plots," he said.

"The operation of the Riverwood Community Garden - through Riverwood Community Centre is a great example of the community coming together."

"It not only provides local residents with a garden to nurture, there is the added reward of them reaping the fruits of their labour."

"I'm really looking forward to watching this initiative take root, grow and blossom," Cr Furolo said.

To register your interest in participating in the community garden program and to suggest a suitable location for a community garden contact Council on 9789 9300.

Forms must be completed and submitted by Friday, May 1.