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## **Slow Food East End Awards \$500 to CCOM for Montauk School Greenhouse**

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), as part of the organization's involvement with the Montauk School greenhouse project, has been awarded a \$500 grant from Slow Food East End.

Through the support of one of its partners, the Josh Levine Memorial Foundation, Slow Food East End offers grants to help sustain the school garden movement on the East End. The grant award will go toward the purchase of garden tools, supplies and materials for the 2014–2015 school year. The school's greenhouse committee, composed of CCOM, parents and teachers, has created a short list of items to purchase that will aid in the maintenance of the greenhouse program and the outdoor garden.

Slow Food East End also funds three master farmer interns who work with schools on the North and South forks affiliated with the Edible School Gardens. The Montauk School is working with Sylvia Channing to help develop a garden-related curriculum and to help institute a program for the students in grades three and five to use a newly donated composter, dubbed "Cranky," as part of their science learning.

Begun last year, the greenhouse-based program at the Montauk school is growing in exciting new directions, and CCOM and the school are very grateful to Slow Food East End and the Josh Levine Memorial Foundation for its support.