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## Let's Build a New Farmers Market

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Following the NYC Petrocollapse Conference Ianqui and I were talking about food. Food is definitely a weak spot for the NYC area in becoming self-sufficient. We have to develop more community gardens, local agriculture, and more connections between the regional farming community and the dense urban areas that have virtually no agriculture of their own.

My neighborhood, the Upper East Side is a wasteland of food sustainability. Sure there are some organic stores but there are no community gardens and no farmers markets. We can do better. I'd like to start organizing an effort to bring a farmers market to the area and maybe finding some space for a community garden or a roof garden.

The first good news on this effort is that I did hear back from the Democratic candidate in my area, Jessica Lappin and she wants to discuss the idea after the election. Definitely vote for her if you're in the 5th district. From now until then I want to start doing my homework on how to exactly go about this. I'd like to start looking for potential sites and figuring out who I might need to collaborate with. If you have any ideas, post them here.

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