Section 2: Community Input

This section compiles information generated by the community in three volunteer panels.
November 6th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Like the 4 separate fields
- Keep one of the 4 fields always in a cover crop
- Like the idea of pole beans compared to bush beans

Volunteer Suggestions

- Companion plant in raised beds
- Add grill to lure community groups
- Generate themed gardens to draw interest
- Hoop houses might be too labor-intensive
- Contact church groups to recruit volunteers
- Education series might draw in helpers
- Juvenile court could use volunteer hours
- Community education program to engage adults
- Taste-testing for kids to learn about eating healthy
- Organize events around holidays such as Earth Day
Group 2: Food Distribution

Group Members
Teresa B., Linda B., Janet L.

November 6th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Like the 4 separate fields
- Likes the traditional orchard
- Likes the sensory garden
- Kids natural area is great idea
- Look at incorporating large art projects to get people to visit the garden
- Keep the compost behind shed out of sight

Food Distribution Suggestions

- Create events to get families involved
- Distribution bags to pick produce up in
- Cooler to extend shelf life
- Have food-shelf volunteers come pick up produce creating awareness of the garden
November 6th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Like the sensory garden
- Natural play area is a good idea to keep kids entertained

Client Engagement Suggestions

- Having a walled off pergola will help to create a space for community events
- Have a harvest event, where people can learn how to harvest, when to harvest and what to do with the harvest.
- Tying into the harvesting event, having some sort of cooking demonstration with fresh produce.
Group 4: Horticulture Issues

Group Members
Jenni Brause, Craig Winters, Melissa O’Donnell

Comments on Design
- Keep compost away from Apartments
- No hoop houses
- 4 Fields make crop rotation easier
- Put sensory garden in this plan
- Natural playground is a good idea

Horticulture Suggestions
- More companion planting
- Limit amount of melons grown
- Use pole beans to increase yield
- Use row covers to prevent pests and weeds
- Limit heirloom tomatoes
- Use of cold-frames will extend growing season
November 6th Community Input Pictures
December 18th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Softer structures in playground area to provide a safer play set for children
- Use low tunnels for strawberries
- More water may be needed for vertical gardening plant species
- Consider raised beds in a 4’x12’ size. Allows for more space to grow particular plant species.
- Native plants could be used instead of rain gardens around the pergola
- Jr. Master Gardener program for getting children involved
- Create specific areas in the garden

Group 1 Members
Ron Rollar, Jason Bergstrand
Craig Winter, Sara Thronsedt
December 18th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Use rainwater for watering trees and raised bed gardens
- Plastic mulch over mounded rows with irrigation may be an option for the fields
- WIC families liked kale, peppers, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, squash, yellow squash and zucchini.
- Engage Master Gardeners in teaching techniques at the garden
- Dehydration and canning classes could be taught at the garden

Group 2 Members
Dave Lindig, Linda Kingery
Teresa Brause, Janet Lindberg
Jenni Brause, Diane Thorson
December 18th Community Input

Comments on Design

- Bathroom is needed
- Increase the publicity of the garden within the community
- Promote the LRTR garden at the library
- Conduct an open house with vendors to get people involved with the garden
- Adopt-a-row. Have companies and organizations adopt a row and have them manage that row from weeding to watering. Could make it a competition where they compete with other organizations to have the best row in the garden.
- Advertise the amount of food given away and produced, people want to be part of a successful project.

Client Engagement Group Members
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