
Planning Your Garden

It is important to have a garden plan and site design before actual planting. Community gardens should be developed to be long-term places for community to gather and grow together. The group should have an idea of the types of garden that best meets their objectives.



1. Finding a suitable site for the Garden



Location

Locate a site with high human traffic to generate interest and encourage participation by the community.



Accessibility

The site should allow for comfortable mobility for participants, easy movement of planting and horticultural materials, as well as access to other common amenities.



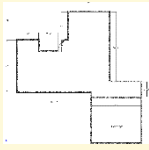
Water Source

Water is key. Ensure that there is a water source nearby. If there is none, you should install a water point to make it easier for watering.



Light Duration

Observe the site at different times of the day to determine whether the plot receives adequate sunlight despite possible obstructions such as large trees and buildings.



Plot Size

Determine the size of the plot that you intend the garden to be. It is essential as you will need to find a suitable size which your group of gardeners can manage and maintain.



Air Circulation

All plants need good air circulation to stay healthy and prevent pests and diseases. However sites that get strong wind are not recommended.

2. Forming a Gardening Community

Before starting a community garden, gather some interested participants from your neighbourhood and form a gardening group. You should also appoint a leader for your gardening group.



3. Selecting a Garden Theme

Choosing a style can help you decide on the type of plants, patterns and garden features to implement in the garden.

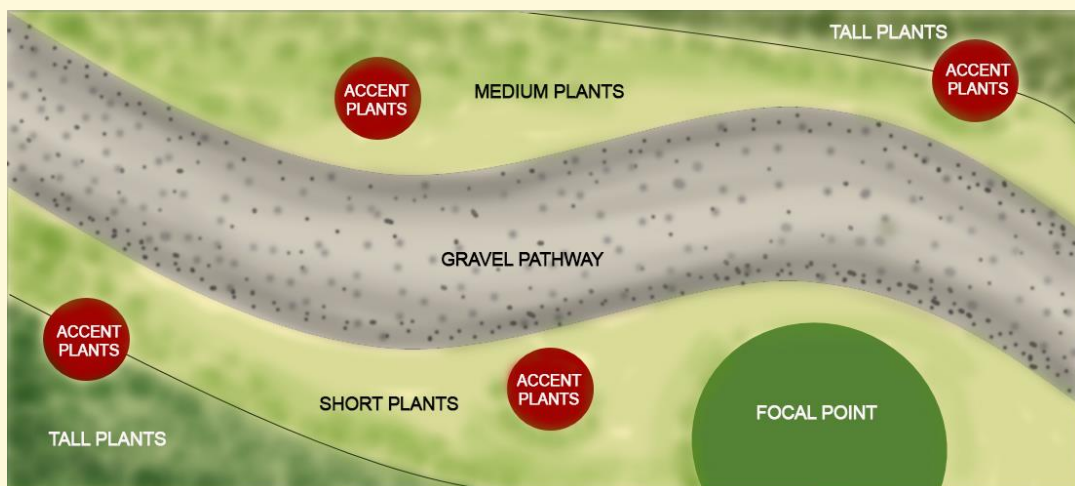
Examples of themes: Edible Gardens, Butterfly and Bird Attracting Gardens, Dry Gardens and Shade Gardens.



4. Design & Plant Selection

The community should come together to decide on the design of the garden. Factors like the amount of sunlight and water must be considered when choosing the plants.

We can also use different colours of the plants and different heights of the plant to create different texture for the landscape. After selecting everything, you can come out with a final drawing for everyone to refer to when planting.



(Example of a Final Planting Plan)