

Presenting!

“You can fix all the world’s problems, in a garden.

You can solve them all, in a garden.

You can solve all your pollution problems and all your supply needs, in a garden.

And most people today don’t actually know that. And that makes most people very insecure.”

Geoff Lawton, Permaculture Consultant, Designer, and Teacher

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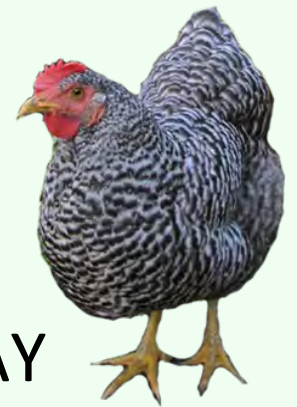
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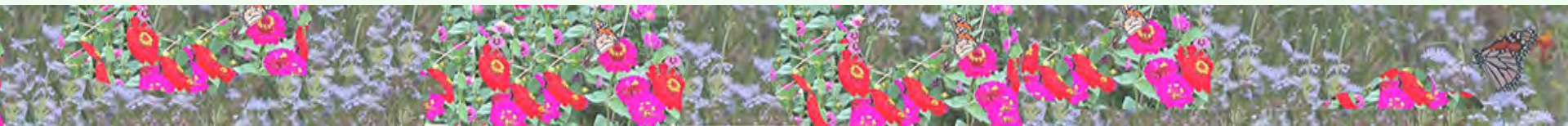


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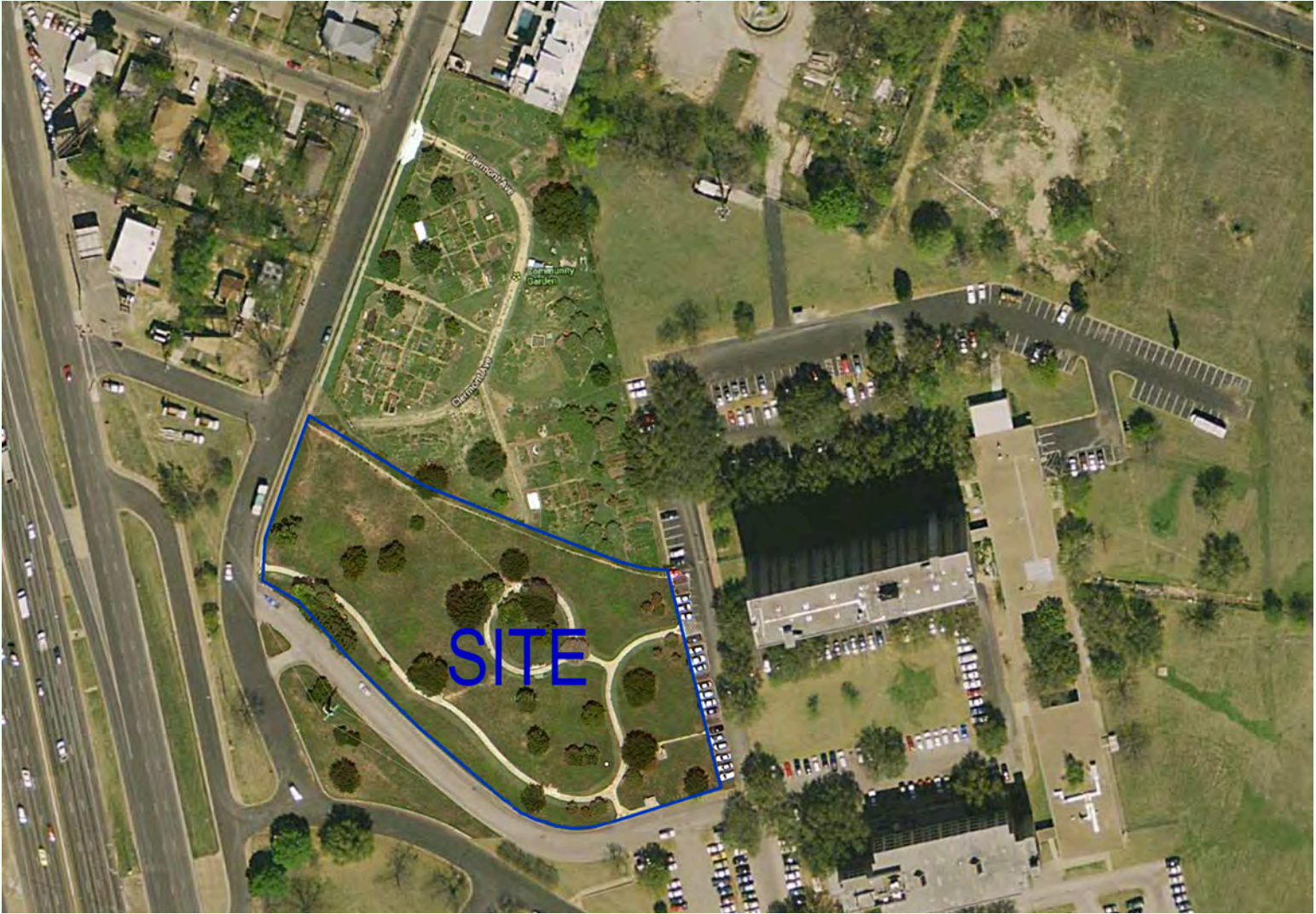


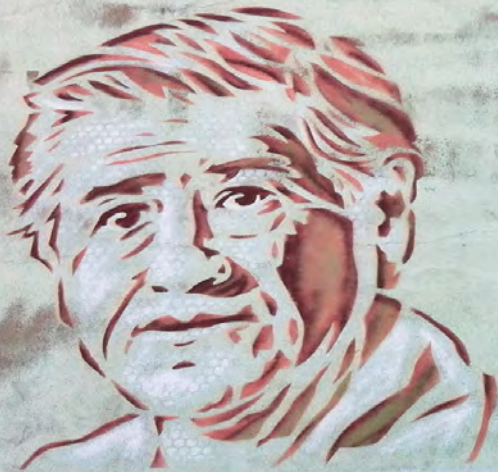
AND HOW WE ALL LEARN ALONG THE WAY



- Farming of both Livestock and crops is the largest human endeavor on Earth, using more than 38% of ice-free land.
- Our next largest impact: erosion caused by agriculture, building, logging, and mining.







"WE DON'T NEED PERFECT
POLITICAL SYSTEMS,

WE NEED PERFECT
PARTICIPATION."

ere are ... diamonds.

of them ... everywhere



East Feast 2022



— celebrate · connect · grow —

Where is this place?



Many Discussions!



EAST FEAST 2022

What do you want to see in

VALUES?	BUILT ENVI.
UTILITIES	ART
FLAWS?	DANCE FLOOR
AIR	STAGE
WATER	WALKWAYS
ENERGY	PATHS
LIGHT/SHADE	BENCHES
PEOPLE	PLAYSCAPES
ANIMALS	EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE
PLANTS	BERMS
WATER	SWALES
IS	WATER FEATURES
FEEL	
EVENTS	
US & SERVICES	

food forest design

ST FEAST here???

new row. leeb

Stickers and notes on the board include: "bike racks", "water fountains", "community garden", "play area", "art installation", "educational signage", "water features", "benches", "paths", "stage", "dance floor", "art", "utilities", "built env.", "values", "flaws", "air", "water", "energy", "light/shade", "people", "animals", "plants", "water", "is", "feel", "events", "us & services".







So first we needed to be on the master plan!





The Community Spiral:

The spiral is a central organizing metaphor for our community; our message of free, local, healthy food, spiralling outward to embrace our whole community. Spread outward to touch our neighbors. Ever-spiralling outward to spark new initiatives of food security and strengthening community bonds.

The spiral will take on many forms from archways and gateways to seat walls and patterns on the ground. Different sections will have different characters as differing ideas or groups dedicate themselves and their stories to the spiral sections.

Rainwater Harvesting:

Four cisterns are located around the spiral for storing rainwater. When the RBJ redevelopment occurs, it is our sincere hope that this project will benefit from rainwater capture from RBJ roof surfaces. The spiral in this section will have a continuous aquaduct that will fill all four cisterns in the rainy season to be used for irrigation throughout the year.

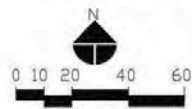
The Community Garden Shed:

Our community envisions a multi-purposed structure that will be located on the boundary between the existing Festival Beach Community Garden and the Food Forest. The building will be symbolic in that we are reaching out to the community garden with a new facility for our shared use. We share our resources; we share our water.

We are neighbors, brothers and sisters in celebrating the bounty of the earth.

Light & Shade:

A variety of micro-climates are necessary including varying amounts of sunlight that reaches into a garden. The 1st phase will be planted with many trees and being young trees, there will be plenty of light allowing for sun-loving plants to thrive. As time passes and trees grow providing more shade, the sun-loving plants will migrate or transplant to later phases toward the RBJ redevelopment.



Plant Guilds:
Each location around the food forest will have specific plant guilds. Guilds are groupings of plants and other components that have a symbiotic relationship which in turn builds a larger whole community or micro ecosystem all working together for optimum performance. Plants with soils, microbes, insects, birds and other wildlife contribute to a whole system producing food or supporting food production.





**Guerrilla Rye Grass
Spiral Seeding**

So we have talked a lot, met a lot of people, had parties, had design charettes, and crafted vision statements.

BUT I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE THIS ALL OUT... (I'm not the only one though)

So...



What IS
a food
forest?



Food Forest? *What's that??!!*

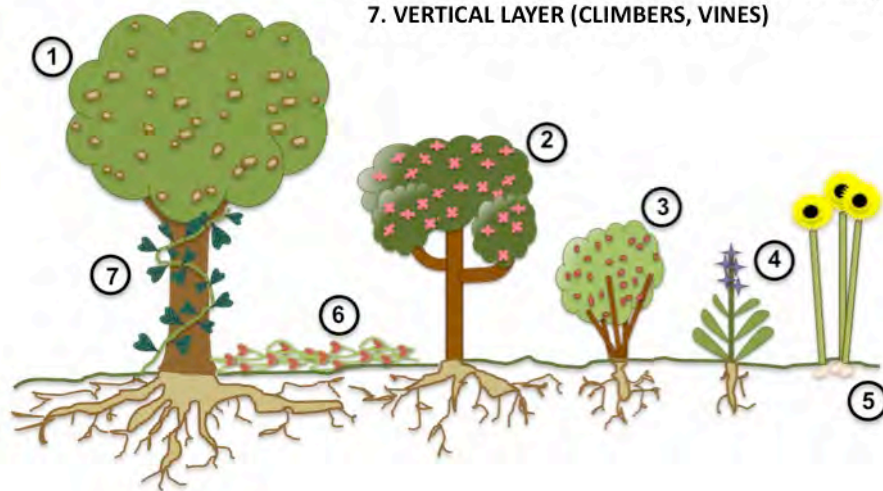


The Layers!



FOREST GARDEN

1. CANOPY (LARGE FRUIT & NUT TREES)
2. SUB-CANOPY LAYER (DWARF FRUIT TREES)
3. SHRUB LAYER (CURRANTS & BERRIES)
4. HERBACEOUS (COMFREY, BEETS, HERBS)
5. RHIZOSPHERE (ROOT VEGETABLES)
6. SOIL SURFACE (GROUND COVER, STRAWBERRY)
7. VERTICAL LAYER (CLIMBERS, VINES)



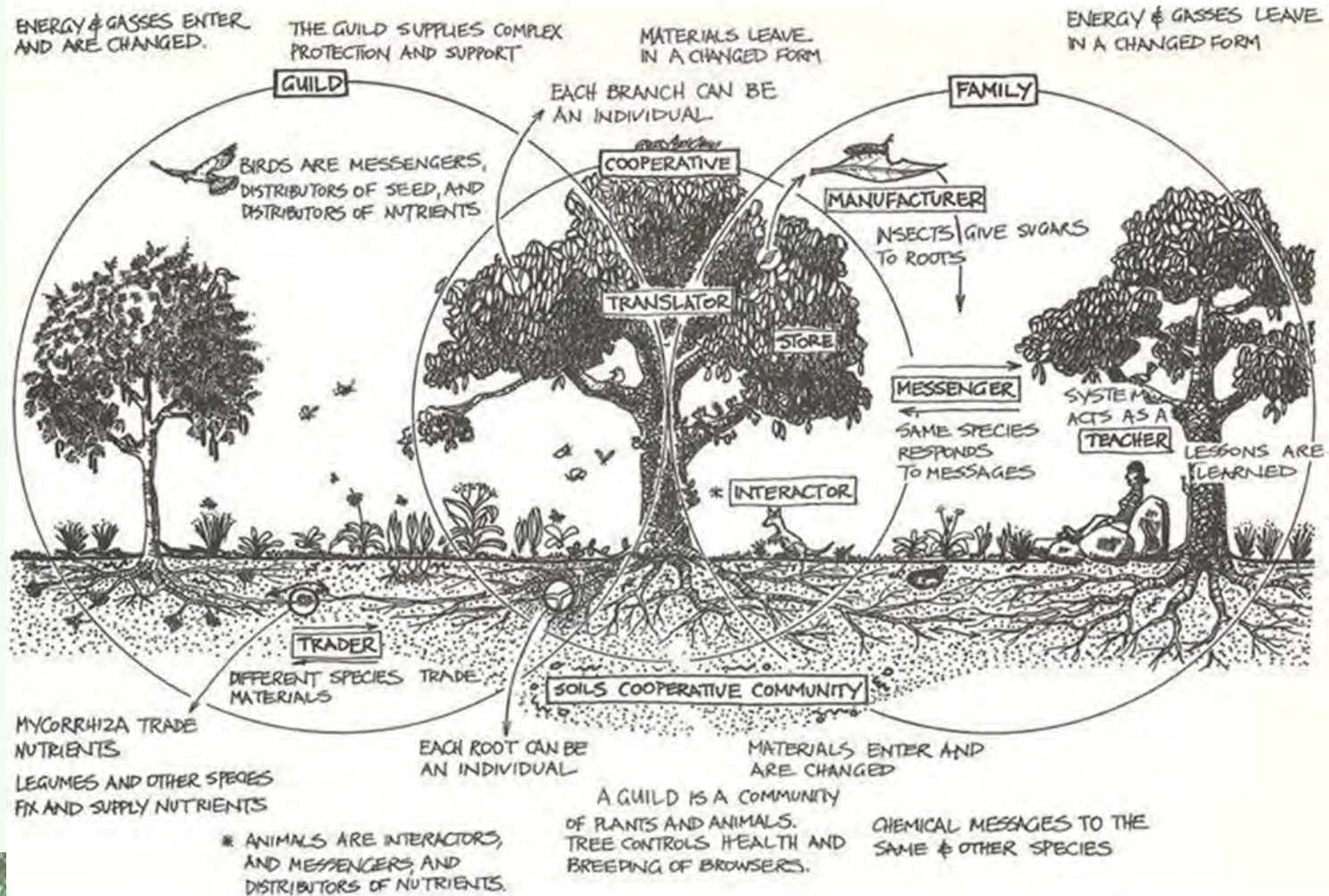
Nine Layers of the Edible Forest Garden

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Canopy/Tall Tree Layer | 6. Underground Layer |
| 2. Sub-Canopy/Large Shrub Layer | 7. Vertical/Climber Layer |
| 3. Shrub Layer | 8. Aquatic/Wetland Layer |
| 4. Herbaceous Layer | 9. Mycelial/Fungal Layer |
| 5. Groundcover/Creepers Layer | |

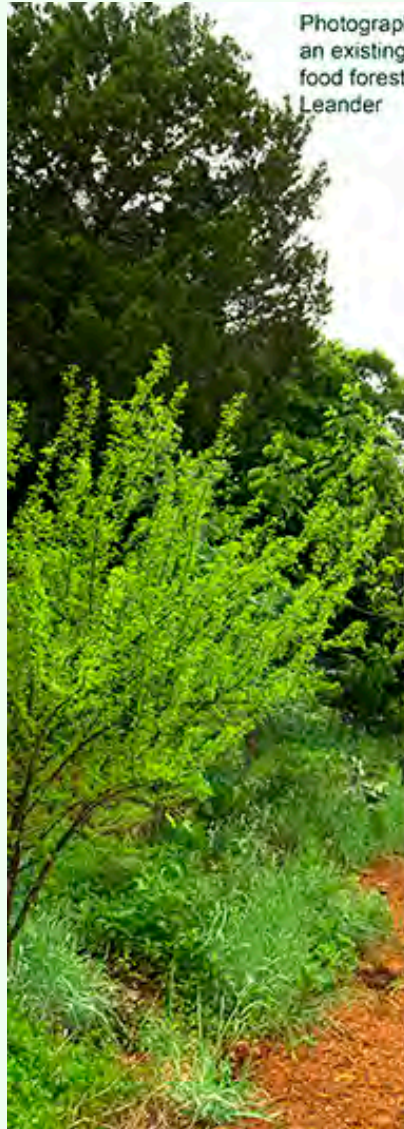


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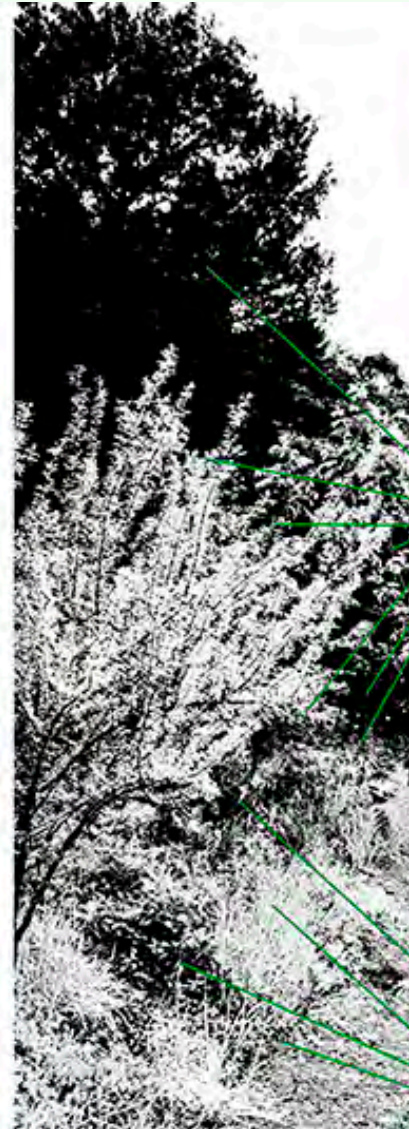
The Guilds + Systems!



Visited a REAL food forest!



Photograph of
an existing
food forest in
Leander



The Food Forest Concept:
Our concepts of growing food in our modern culture has strayed from rhythms of nature that have been in balance since the beginnings of our complex bio-systems of plants, animals, and the strata that supports and nurtures them.

Canopy Layer:
The tallest of species that can be fruits and nut trees on the food production side, or providing functional supporting services such as beneficial insect and wildlife habitat, shade, nutrient services.

Middle Canopy Layer:
Mostly considered the domain of fruiting trees but can be others

Pecan, Walnut, hackberry
Mesquite, Peach, Plum
Loquat, Fig,
Aspergus, Kale, Squash
Food Herbs, many others
Medicinal Herbs

Medium to Large Shrub Layer:
This level of plantings can be a wide variety of evergreen, deciduous, or perennial plants providing fruits and other resources.

Additionally, this layer can have structures for climbing fruits and vegetables or these can be attached to the trees providing the shade.

Legume Plants for nitrogen fixation
Flowering plants for bees and other important pollination services.
Ground covers for soil shading

Low Level Plants: This is the area where many of the vegetables, herbs, ground level berries,

Plants other than food
Soil horizons
Mulch and compost



PROCESS!

UGH!

We really have to do a process?



So we started to develop plans:



- Key
of existing structures
- Live Oak
 - Red Oak
 - Chinese Tallow
 - Pecan
 - Crape Myrtle
 - Flag Pole
 - Bus Stop
 - Bench
 - Fence

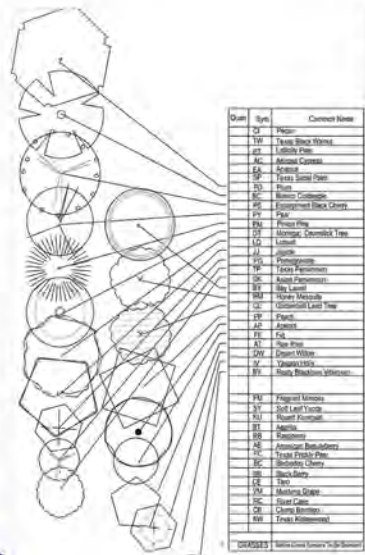
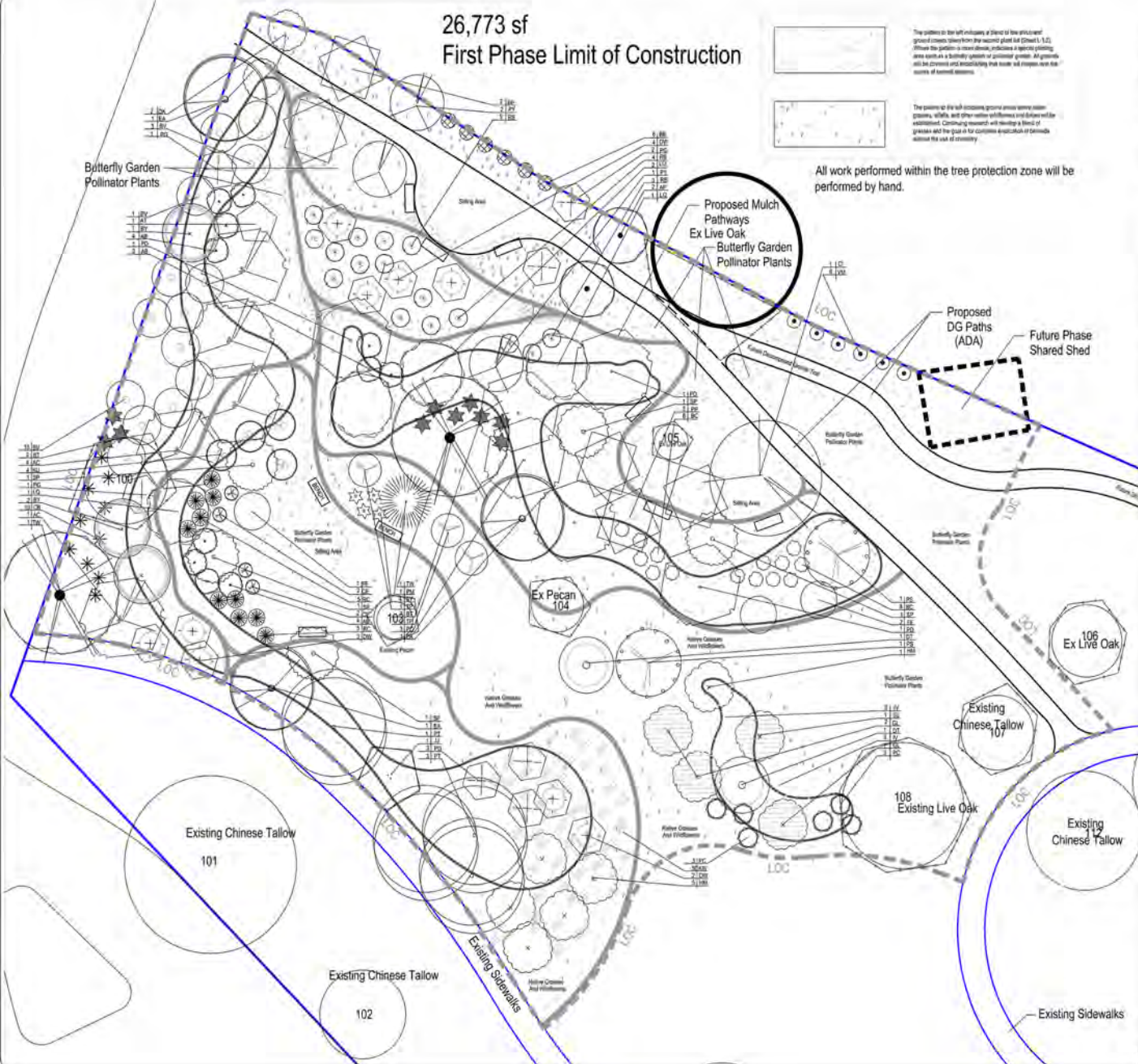


26,773 sf First Phase Limit of Construction

The pattern to the left indicates a plan of the proposed ground cover, shown from the ground plan (Sheet 1, 2). Where the pattern is more dense, indicates a special planting area such as a butterfly garden or pollinator garden. All grounds will be covered and landscaping that would not remove any tree canopy of limited extent.

The pattern to the left indicates ground areas where utility lines, water, and other utilities will be installed. Continuing research will identify a final location and the plan is for complete excavation of trenches around the use of necessary.

All work performed within the tree protection zone will be performed by hand.



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Phase One Installation Plan



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1 CI	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	70'-100'	moist	Full	Well Drained
2 TW	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Texas Black Walnut	50'-75'	High	Sun/Part Sun	Moist, Rich
4 PT	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	Loblolly Pine	60'	Moist	Par when Young	Acid, moist sandy loam
5 AC	<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	Arizona Cypress	40'-50'	Low	Sun/part sun	
3 EA	<i>Ehretia anacua</i>	Anacua	50'	Low	Sun/Part sun	Dry, Well Drained
5 SP	<i>Sabal texana</i>	Texas Sabal Palm	35'-50'	Low-Med	Sun/ Part sun	Moist, Sandy Loam
6 PD	<i>Prunus domestica</i>	Plum	40'	Medium	Full	Wide Variety; Moist
14 BC	<i>Malus ioensis var, Texana</i>	Blanco Crabapple	36'	Medium	Full	Well Drained, Calcareous
2 PS	<i>Prunus serotina v, exima</i>	Escarpment Black Cherry	36' Medium	Sun/shade	well drained, Dry/moist	
3 PY	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Pear	40'	Medium	Sun/Part Sun	Well Drained
1 PM	<i>Pinus monophylla</i>	Pinion Pine	15'-30'	Low	Full	Dry Rocky
2 DT	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Moringa; Drumstick Tree	30'-49'	Low	Full Sun	Dry sandy, poor, frost sensitive
4 LQ	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat	25'-35'	dry-moist	Sun/ part sun	Well Drained
1 JJ	<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i>	Jujube	20'-30'	Dry-Moist	Sun/ Part sun	Well Drained
7 PG	<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	16'-25'	Low-Moist	Full	Well Drained
3 TP	<i>Diospyros texana</i>	Texas Persimmon	25'	low	Sun/ Part sun	well drained, limestone
2 DK	<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	Asian Persimmon	20-30	Moist	Full	well drained
3 BY	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay Laurel	25'	Med/moist	Part sun/shade	Rich, well drained
6 HM	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Honey mesquite	20'	Low	Full	Well drained
4 GL	<i>Leucaena retusa</i>	Goldenball Lead Tree	15'-25'	Low	Part sun/ Shade	Wide Range
5 PP	<i>Prunus persica</i>	Peach	20'	High-med	Sun/ Part sun	Well drained
2 AP	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	Apricot	20'		Sun	Well drained, pH 6-7
3 FF	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	15'		Sun/part sun	Well drained, not sandy
1 AT	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Paw Paw	10'-40'	Med	Sun/Shade	Rich/Moist
9 DW	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow	10'-40'	Med	Sun/Shade	Rich/ Moist
8 IV	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yaupon Holly	20'	Low	Sun-Shade	Well drained
14 BV	<i>Viburnum rufiduium</i>	Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	18'	Low	SunPart sun	Dry, Sandy Loam
1 FM	<i>Mimosa borealis</i>	Fragrant Mimosa	shrub	Low	SunPart Sun	Wide Range
4 SY	<i>Yucca recurifolia</i>	Soft Leaf Yucca	8'	Low	SunPart Sun	Well drained, dry-moist
4 KU	<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Round Kumquat	8'	Med	Sun	Heavy loam, lots of compost
10 BT	<i>Berberis trifoliata</i>	Agarita	6'	Low	Sun/ part sun	well drained
16 RB	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry	6'	med	Sun part sun	Well Drained
11 AB	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	3'-6'	Moist	Part Sun-shade	Rich soil, sandy loam
6 PC	<i>Opuntia lindheimeri</i>	Texas Prickly Pear	3'-6'	low	sun	well drained
1 BC	<i>Malpighia glabra</i>	Barbados Cherry	4'-6'	Low-Med	Sun/ Part sun	Dry, variety, well drained
6 BB	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Black Berry	3' Moist, Tolerant	SunShade	Well drained, weede range	
4 CE	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Taro		High, River edge		
6 VM	<i>Vitis mustangensis</i>	Mustang Grape	vine	med	sunpart sun	well drained, moderate fert
10 RC	<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	River Cane	25' Med	SunPart sun	wet to well drained	
10 CB	<i>Bambusa textillis</i>	Clump Bamboo	20'	moist	Sun/ Part sun	Sandy, Loamy
50 KW	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	Texas Kidneywood	3'-8'	Low	Sun	Dry, Rocky, Calcareous, Loamy

asses Native Grass Species to be selected







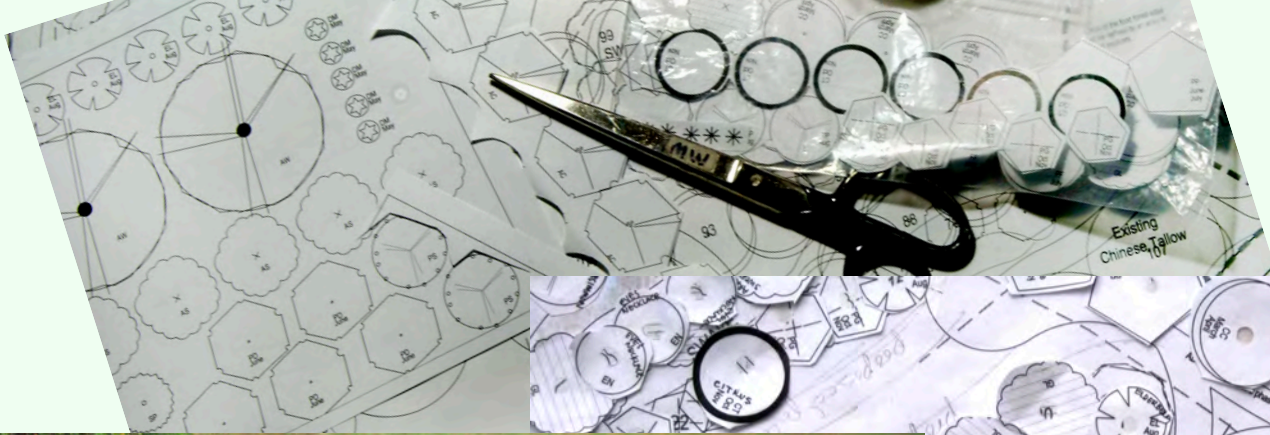
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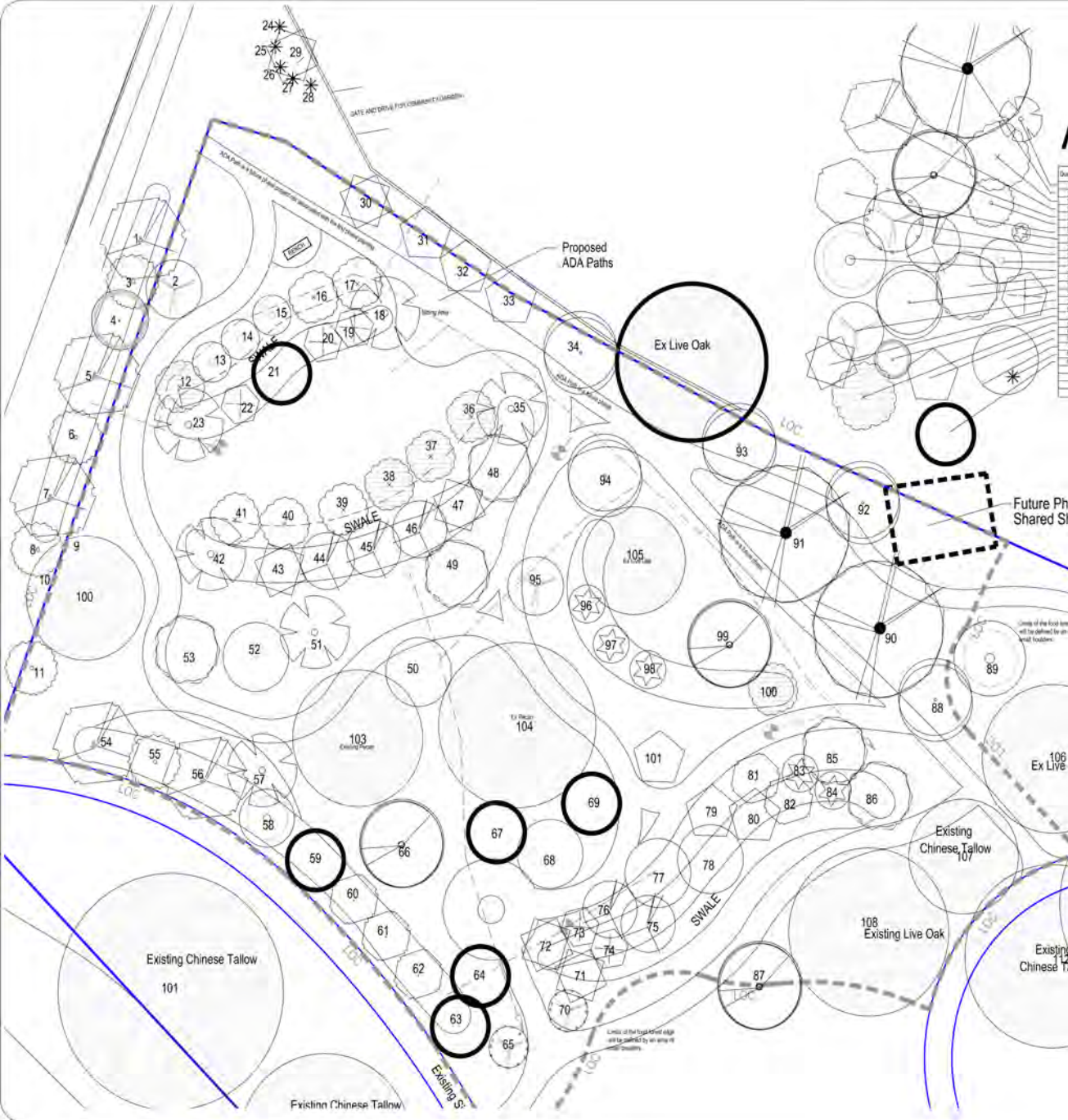




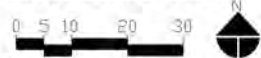


As-built List

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2	2	Texas Persimmon	Diospyros texana	18"	15'-20'	None	Full Sun	Mid to High
3	3	Sabal Palm	Sabal palmetto	18"	15'-20'	None	Full Sun	Mid to High
4	4	Boy Laurel	Calyptranthes floridana	18"	15'-20'	None	Full Sun	Mid to High
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57	57	Elderberry	Sambucus racemosa	18"	15'-20'	None	Full Sun	Mid to High
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26,773 sf
First Phase Limit of Construction



Phase One Installation Plan

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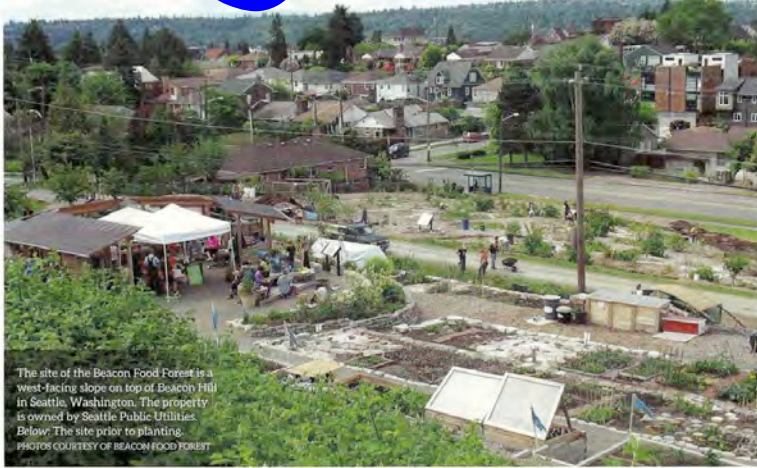






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AFTER



The site of the Beacon Food Forest is a west-facing slope on top of Beacon Hill in Seattle, Washington. The property is owned by Seattle Public Utilities. Below: The site prior to planting. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BEACON FOOD FOREST

A bright future for urban food forests

BY TRACY ILENE MILLER

BEFORE



IF YOU HAVEN'T heard of food forests before, you will soon. The concept grew out of the permaculture movement of the 1970s and has risen in popularity over the last few years due to social and environmental issues related to food security. Food forests are an idea whose time has finally come.

What is a food forest? It is a tract of land densely planted with flora that work together to sustain itself as well as provide an abundance of edible products. A food forest is a sustainable ecosystem where not all plants are edibles. Food forests include a mix of trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials and herbaceous plants that feed the soil, attract

producing trees for a very long time. Now there is the opportunity to change over parks and public lands. There is enormous potential to be able to provide for this market and thousands of acres that could potentially change."

As homeowner associations hire landscapers to design and build food forests in new and existing neighborhoods, growers can tap into this market by supplying the vast array of edible and nonedible species.

How food forests are built

Food forests follow a planting system based on seven vertical layers and plant guilds. The system takes advantage of plant morphologies and physiologies to optimize sunlight, water, nutrients and structural needs of the plants. The layers are as follows.

1. Standard fruit and large nut trees, such as pecan and oak, form the uppermost layer, the high canopy, and are planted with space to ensure light hits lower layers.
2. Smaller trees, such as plums, apricots and mulberries and dwarf varieties, form the upper canopy.
3. The shrub layer has flowering and fruiting plants, such as roses and blueber-



Galvanizing community support is an integral part of making food forest projects happen. Here, residents of the urban Seattle neighborhood where the Beacon Food Forest was built gather to discuss drawings for the proposed site. PHOTO COURTESY OF BEACON FOOD FOREST

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Food Forest is located on the corner of Fargo Street and N. Williams Avenue in Portland, Oregon. The 2,400-square-foot site is home to fruit and nut trees, berries, flowers and perennial vegetables. COURTESY OF URBAN FARM COLLECTIVE

tin, Texas (www.festivalbeach.org). was a resident of the Festival Beach neighborhood and a doctoral student in community and regional planning. There are combined movements for food advocacy, food deserts and the "eat healthy food," said Walsh, now an assistant professor at the Buffalo Architecture and Planning. "We had to develop a new approach to low-impact management and maintenance among people ... a new improvement agreement, that was the city," Wright said. The project to go forward in Austin, Texas, identified the project as private city officials, community members loved the idea, but they didn't want to deal with us — we didn't have a public garden or

At this writing, phase one is a public land. ne, using a plant list that changed over time. The project involved a ward with nearly 100 trees and dozens of nonedible species planted on a 20 nonedible species were planted with their use as fibers and poles, said Christopher Sanchez, a liaison from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the problems for urban agriculture was concerns that they didn't have people with that expertise, Sanchez said. "But they're taking steps in that direction, starting to phase of the project requires approval. Currently, the Festival Beach site is gearing up for its next installation of hundreds of trees.



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in Austin and Seattle food forests are examples of city projects. They are gearing up nationwide, with activists serving as leaders in a number of stands to benefit the neighborhood.

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Festival Beach
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City Council Update on our progress

February 24, 2016

City of Austin City Council
Via email

Re: Festival Beach Food Forest gets National Press

Dear Austin City Council;

First of all, thank you for your service in a difficult job. This note is a brief update on Austin's new food forest located adjacent to the RBJ Senior Center and the Festival Beach Community Garden at 25&1/2 Waller Street. As you may know, our installation began at the end of October and beginning of November with an amazing turnout of volunteers. There has been such a buzz about the project that we have now been featured in an article from the Oregon Nursery Association, which is attached as part of this email.



Our journey has been a long one as volunteers to get this project envisioned, designed, permitted and now installed. Thanks to many champions at PARD and on our core team of volunteer members we have been very proud of our accomplishments to date and wish to share!

that with you as well. As of Saturday February 13th, our food forest is looking great! Being a scheduled workday, our volunteer turnout hovered around 20 pairs of hands-on-deck for mulch spreading, mowing, trimming, trash pickup, planting, and more. This Spring we will be working on a second phase of plantings that will start to build the understory plant communities to work in unison with the fruit and nut trees and farmer trees, already installed.

We were very happy to have Mr. Renteria come by and see the activities and wish for all of our city leaders to come by and enjoy our small patch of forest and enjoy the fact that the eyes of the parkland nation are watching us as we continue to mature. We have an event coming up on April 9th at a local farm; YardFarm, 7204

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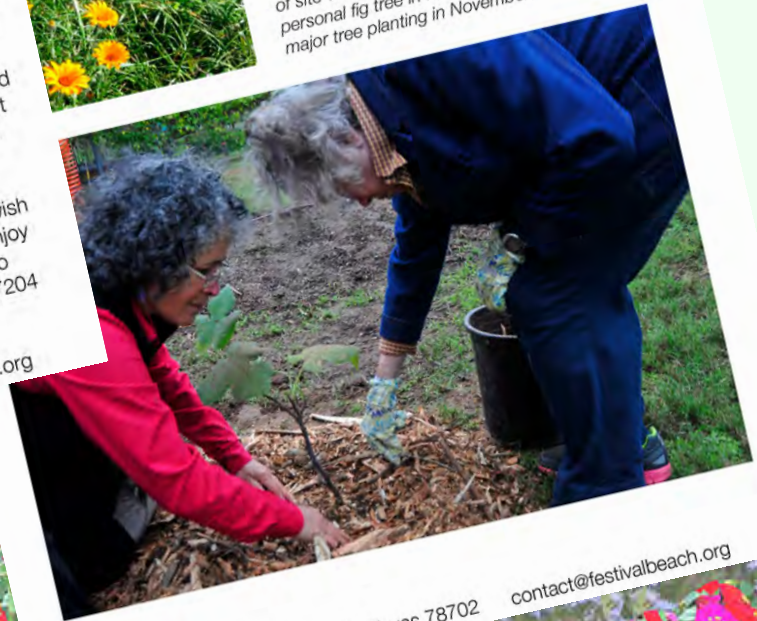
Shelton Road. The event will be a fundraiser to help us match a City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program grant of \$80,000 for the development of ADA paths, benches, and signage. Visit our website at festivalbeach.org for information about the event, workdays, fundraising and grant activities and photos.

We hope to see you April 9th as well as at the food forest!

Best Regards;

Festival Beach Food Forest Core Team

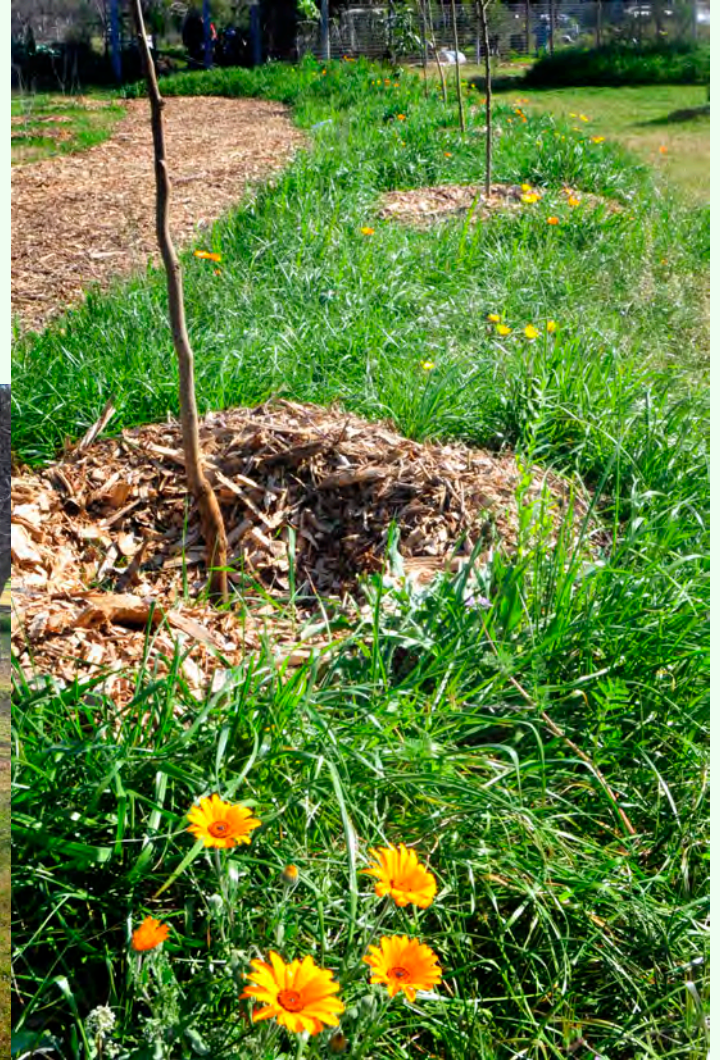
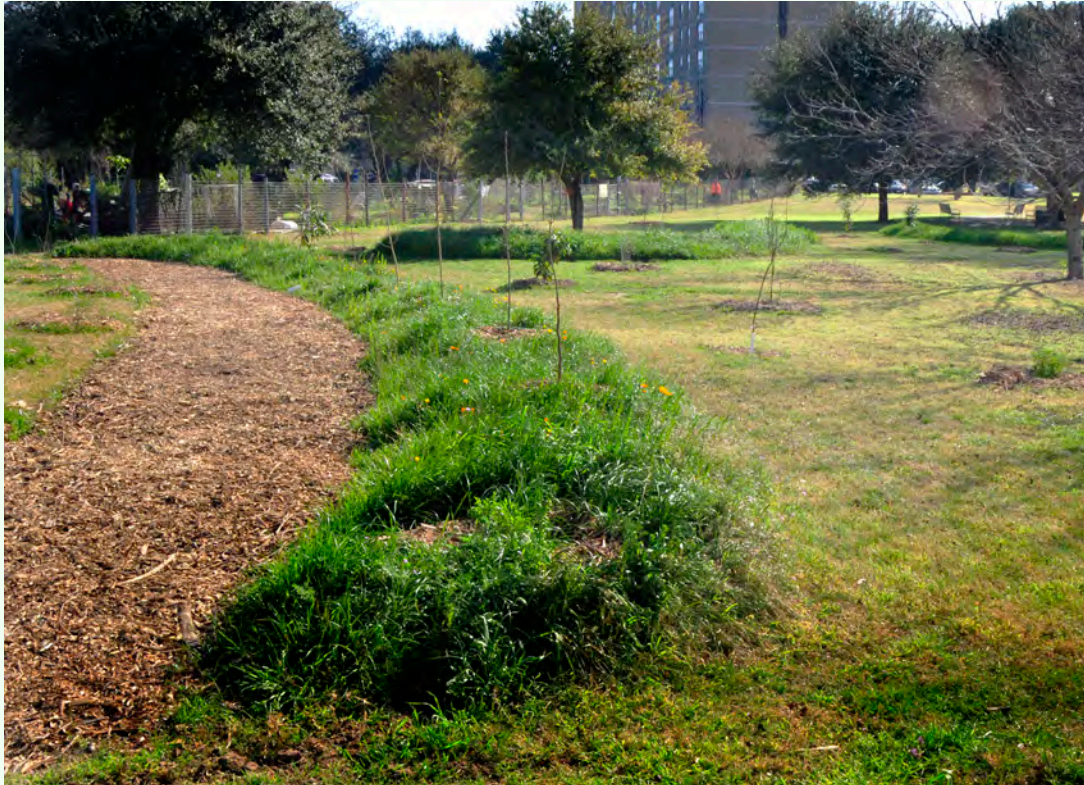
The two photos left and above are current photos of site conditions. Below is a resident planting a personal fig tree in the food forest on the day of the major tree planting in November.



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TODAY!



Next Workday!!

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more food in an aesthetic
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We must broaden our acceptance of
what in our landscape IS possibly
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Pecan

Live Oak

Mexican Plum

Dwarf Yaupon

Pecan: Nuts

Live Oak: Nuts ground into powder for soups and baking, medicinal uses

Mexican Plums: Fruit

Yaupon Holly: Tea, Medicinal uses



*“Gardens like this are needed the world over,
desperately needed where deserts flourish and
life dies. Life!*

*Perhaps that is it! Yes, if I were asked to
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