

## Community Garden

The design team asked committee members to dream and create a "wish list" of enhancements that they believe would improve the quality of life for Lost Nation residents. A community garden was one of the top amenities cited.

The community garden is proposed to be located on existing city-owned property on the west side of town. The property is currently maintained lawn with a small area planned for the future site of the city's new well pump house.



*Photo 1: Existing undeveloped city property taken from the western property line looking easterly towards Western Street.*

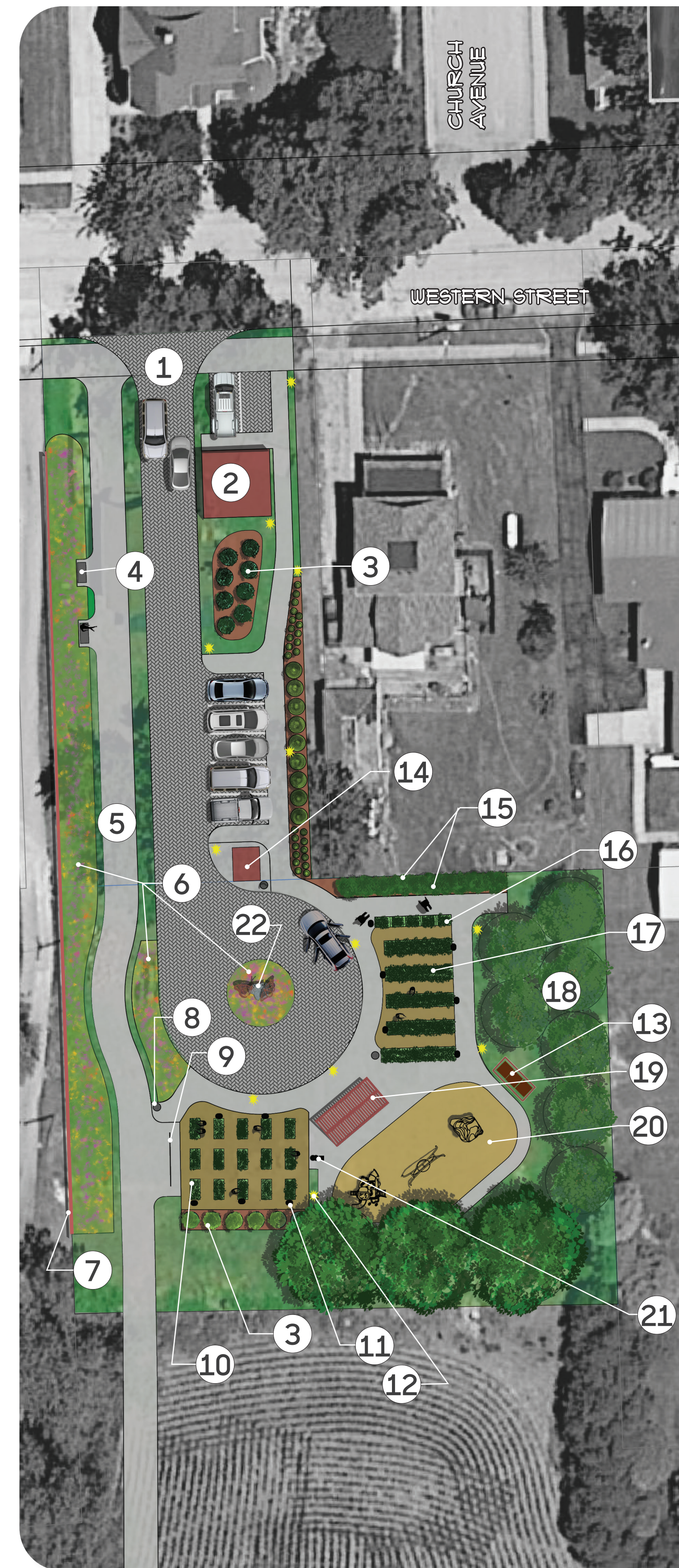


*Photo 1 Edit: Proposed community garden*

The concept shown on this board creates a sustainable, accessible, and aesthetic area for all ages and abilities to enjoy the outdoors and benefits of gardening. These benefits include: improved physical and mental health, increased socialization with other residents, and the opportunity to enjoying nutritious food at low cost.

In addition to vegetable gardens and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs, pollinator gardens are proposed along with an on-site composting area. Providing safe and accessible physical connectivity to the community garden for pedestrians as well as motorists is an essential component to being inclusive to all residents. To accomplish this, a paved drive and parking area are provided, along with access to/from the looped pedestrian trail system.

A small playground with various equipment, including inclusive components, that is targeted at the 2- to 12-year-old age group is proposed to keep young children occupied and safely playing while their parents garden.



*Community garden concept plan*

### Notes

- 1 **Pervious Vehicular Pavers (Pavement):** Stormwater control & aesthetics
- 2 **Well Pump House:** Includes public restroom
- 3 **Edible Fruit-Bearing Shrubs:** Edible berries for picking
- 4 **Benches on Bench Pad:** Resting area for trail users; bench style to match those in the pocket park
- 5 **Separated Trail:** Connectivity & safe pedestrian access
- 6 **Pollinator Garden:** Native plantings for pollinators
- 7 **Wood Privacy Fence:** Painted with themed mural (flowers and butterflies shown in concept)
- 8 **Trash Receptacles:** Style to match those in downtown
- 9 **Bike Rack:** Style to match those in downtown
- 10 **Raised Gardens:** Regular-sized plots
- 11 **Water Hydrant:** Scattered throughout garden areas to allow ease of access and convenient attachment of hoses
- 12 **Decorative Lighting:** Pedestrian lighting to increase nighttime safety; style to match Main St. corridor
- 13 **Compost Area:** Composting bins with surrounding screen fence with wide gates for wheelbarrow access
- 14 **Storage Building:** Storage for equipment
- 15 **Trellis & Plantings:** Trellis and woody plants/shrubs that are fruit bearing and require a trellis
- 16 **Raised Gardens, ADA:** Raised garden beds that accommodate a wheelchair
- 17 **Raised Gardens, Long:** Long garden plots
- 18 **Fruit Trees:** Fruit-bearing trees in lawn area with mulched rings to allow for ease of maintenance
- 19 **Shade Structure & Table Seating:** Shaded areas with picnic tables for resting, eating, and socializing
- 20 **Playground:** Equipment pieces targeted for toddler to 12 years of age, including an inclusive multiple-user swing
- 21 **Drinking Fountain:** ADA-accessible drinking fountain with pet drinking fountain incorporated
- 22 **Themed Sculpture:** Metal butterflies on large boulder (shown)

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