24. Community Garden

**Definition**

Garden plots for the use of residents or community members.

**Size**

Approximately 25 square feet per dwelling unit, minimum.

**Possible Activities**

Gardening.

**Design Criteria**

Provide 10 feet minimum setback from the closest building (will vary in multi-family buildings and urban locations). Provide 20 feet minimum setback from an adjacent street.

Provide landscaping around garden plot area. Provide a compost area.

Ensure full sun orientation.

A water hookup should be provided and made accessible to all plots.

Consider locating garden near a natural area, or natural trail, where "forest food," i.e. mulberries, paw paw or fruit and nuts may be cultivated

Consider providing a tool shed and seating areas for larger gardens, and a small area for instruction or children's classes.

**Supply Values**

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