

Bush Lake Garden Proposal

Westwood is proposing to create the “Bush Lake Garden” (BLG).

Description

The BLG would be a community garden. The garden would be for members of the congregation and the community. The purpose of the garden is to address the food needs in the community and increase connection with /between the community.

The BLG would be administered by a Westwood team. Fees may be charged garden users to offset some of the costs of maintaining the garden.

Location

The BLG would be located in the southeast corner of the property as outlined (red and blue) in the satellite image shown in Figure 1.

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The garden would replace existing sod and unlandscaped areas east and south of the parking lot.

Phase	Outline	Current State	Start	Comment
1	Red	Primary – Sod Secondary - Unlandscaped	2022	Initial Garden
2	Blue	Primary – Unlandscaped Secondary - Sod	≥ 2023	Expansion as needed

Proposed Timeline

We would like to

- Obtain approval (City of Bloomington, Xcel Energy) to create the BLG (July 31st, 2021)
- Prepare Phase 1 garden site (Fall 2021)
- Begin gardening of Phase 1 site (Spring 2022)

Garden Details

The garden would primarily used to raise annual vegetable crops. No significant changes to the grade of the property is planned. No retaining walls are planned to be erected.

No permanent structures are planned on the site. A year round fence is planned to protect the garden from animals. The garden fence is planned to consist of 8’ steel fence posts, 7’ deer netting, and 3’ rabbit wire. See Figure 2 below for example of the fence that will be constructed, how the garden will appear, and a picture of the existing Phase 1 site.

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Figure 1: Garden Location



Figure 2: Example of Fence & Future Appearance of Garden / Existing Phase 1 Site