



South Side Permaculture Park

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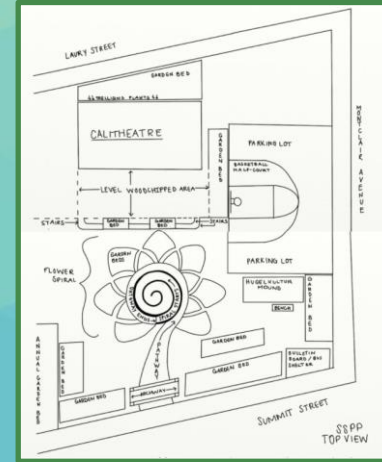
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Abstract

The South Side Permaculture Park began as a project by a few students living at the Eco House at 222 Summit Street. The goal of permaculture is to create a zero-waste system where people and plants benefit each other. Permaculture gives us a path to embrace relationships between people, plants, and the earth that build a sustainable future and allow nature to regenerate. Integrating, rather than segregating, creates resilient systems that include biological, social, and cultural diversity. In striving towards that goal at the SSPP, there must be increased infrastructure for plant life for there to be increased human interaction. In the SSPP this looks like installing new gardening beds, constructing multifunctional structures, and creating a space that not only provides food and recreation but also education on the systems that can be experienced around the park.

Summer Results

- Annual Vegetable Garden and Deer Fence
- Pollinator Flower Beds
- Herb Spiral and Garden Beds
- Hügeltkultur Expansion
- Revamp Three Bin Compost System
- Little Free Library
- Three Sisters Garden



Moving Forward

Permaculture has no single definition, and as such the SSPP is under constant growth and evolution. As we look to the future of the park, the following projects seem to be the clear next step:

- Build a new gear shed
- Find an environmentally unobtrusive and humane solution to our deer problem
- Install a mini orchard with companion plants
- Fill in herb spiral according to micro-climates
- Arrange community ownership of herb spiral beds
- Educational programs with local schools

Challenges

- Gear Shed deconstruction
- Deer breaking into annual bed
- Previous construction on the lot: bricks, rocks, foundation
- Administrative roadblocks

