

Features in the Conceptual Plan

- Agricultural**
- fruit and nut trees with companion plants
 - grove of large nut trees
 - nursery area
 - materials depot
 - rain gardens

- Environmental**
- improvement of soil in planting areas
 - invasive exotic plant removal
 - rain gardens
 - riverbank protection

- Functional**
- improved parking
 - multiple access points
 - clear sightlines

- Recreational**
- fishing platform
 - gathering space for groups
 - mown field for ad hoc play
 - picnic area under cottonwoods
 - recreational walking path
 - scenic views to the water

Goals

The edible forest garden at McWaters Park is a resource for the entire community that

- produces food
- models a small-scale, intensive form of agriculture
- is fun and instructive
- provides long-term stewardship of the land

Short-Term Goals

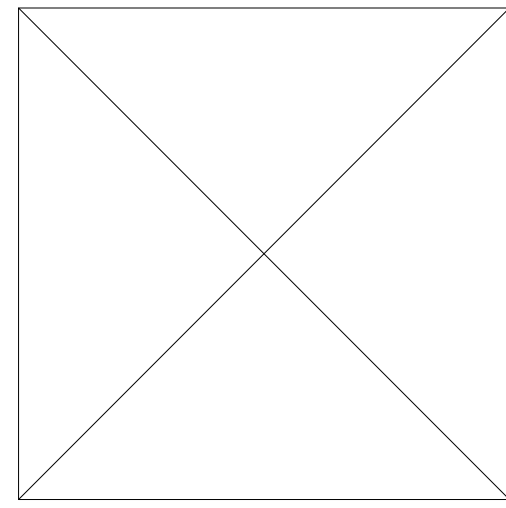
- Meet with key groups to coordinate plans: tree committee, highway department, park and recreation committee, CDC, and others.
- Begin the work of preparing planting areas.
- Stabilize the banks near parking.
- Create the first demonstration garden.

What is an edible forest garden?

“An edible forest garden is a perennial polyculture of multipurpose plants. Most plants regrow every year without replanting: perennials. Many species grow together: a polyculture. Each plant contributes to the success of the whole by fulfilling many functions: multipurpose. In other words, a forest garden is an edible ecosystem, a consciously designed community of mutually beneficial plants and animals intended for human food production.”

--Jacke and Toensmeier,
Edible Forest Gardens

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1 Acre

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