

OUR COMMUNITY

OUR GARDEN PROJECT



LLOYDMINSTER PUBLIC FOOD AND FLOWERS

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ABOUT US



VISION

Elevating Downtown Lloydminster: This proposal unfolds a thrilling prospect to breathe new life into Downtown Lloydminster through a transformative Community Garden Project. With meticulous planning, vibrant community engagement, and strategic funding, we envision a revitalized downtown that will stand as a lasting testament to community spirit and unity. Your support is pivotal in turning this vision into a tangible reality, shaping the heart of our community for generations.

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LEARN MORE



This is more than a garden; it's a catalyst for positive change. We've secured a generous green space to the west of their downtown office on 49th Street from Jill Kelly of Red Bicycle Communications. We aspire to inspire other businesses in our community to follow suit, sparking a movement where each entity contributes to making our community a better place. The Red Bicycle location will house a community garden, a space cultivated freely and publicly—eliminating the need for plot rentals. It's an experimental venture, an opportunity for our community to come together, grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers for one another.

Together, let's embark on this journey, cultivating a downtown that thrives and blooms with the spirit of collective care and contribution.

Our goal is to establish a welcoming garden that serves as a public space for community gathering. It's a unique opportunity for diverse groups to come together, connect, and cultivate the soil collectively. The garden is our shared ground, both literally and figuratively.

Think of our public garden as an interactive park—a green space where we engage in hands-on activities, leaving the space better than we found it. It's a place to stroll through, admiring the plants, and perhaps savouring a handful of raspberries or peas grown on site. We'll take turns caring for the garden, exchange advice, and collectively enjoy the harvests. This garden is more than a growing space; it's a dynamic, interactive community hub.

YOU ARE THE CHANGE



There are always flowers for those who want to see them.

– Henri Matisse

Amy Roper, our Garden Coordinator, leads a dedicated team of volunteers overseeing weekly garden maintenance. Acting as welcome guides, they announce their presence for the week, encouraging others to join, access supplies, and share knowledge.

Our volunteer system ensures a consistent presence, guaranteeing the ongoing care of our green space. General rules and our mission will be displayed in the garden, fostering a sense of ownership and encouraging respectful interaction.

Our garden will feature in-ground plots, raised beds, flower beds, a raspberry patch, and reinforced cattle panel arches. We aim to involve the high school woodworking classes in building raised beds, fostering and encouraging community investment.

Collaborations with local artists, such as Brandi Hofer and Mick Classen, are in the works for a mural and a concrete sculpture. Local art enriches community spaces, drawing more people to engage with our garden.

To kickstart the season, a general meeting in late winter will discuss crop plans, volunteer sign-ups, rules, and organize working bees and planting dates. Join us in cultivating a vibrant community garden!

INDIGENOUS GARDEN



49TH STREET DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Indigenous Plants

The Indigenous plants within the community garden on 49th St will provide a space for reflection, connection, healing, and honoring the resilience and wisdom of Indigenous peoples. It will serve as a reminder of the importance of living in harmony with plants and continuing to use them as medicine.



THE IMPORTANCE OF OFFERING TOBACCO WHEN HARVESTING PLANTS:

TOBACCO IS A SACRED MEDICINE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND A SIGN OF RESPECT FOR MOTHER EARTH, IT IS AN OFFERING BACK TO THE EARTH IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT WE ARE NEEDING/TAKING, PLEASE LEAVE TOBACCO (IN LOOSE OR A CIGARETTE FORM) WHEN HARVESTING THE INDIGENOUS PLANTS



Indigenous Plant Medicine

Indigenous plants are not just medicine for our physical bodies, but also medicine for our spirits and our connection to the land. By learning about and using these plants, we can strengthen our relationships with the Earth and with our Indigenous ancestors. I am grateful for the knowledge and wisdom that has been passed down to me by the Elders in my community of Onion Lake and, and from Sweetgrass First Nation. I am committed to continuing to learn from Elders and respect the traditional uses of Indigenous plants. I believe that by incorporating these teachings into our daily lives, we can promote healing, wellness, and cultural resurgence within Indigenous communities.



ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN 49TH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN:

INDIGENOUS GARDEN



Sage

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Bergamot

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Goldenrod

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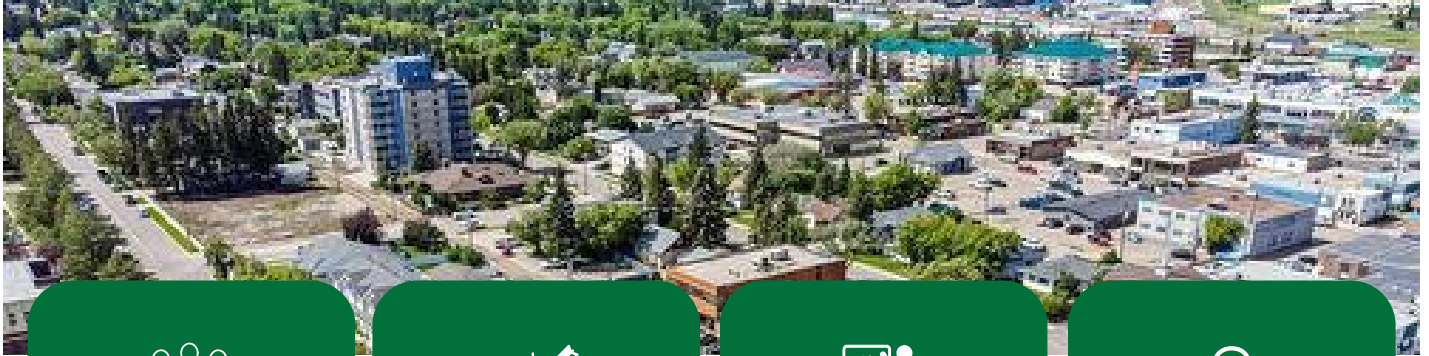


IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR INFORMATION
ON HOW TO HARVEST AND STORE THESE PLANTS
- PLEASE REACH OUT



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BECOME A DONOR



**COMMUNITY
SUPPORTER**

up to \$1000



**COMMUNITY
TRAILBLAZER**

\$1000-5000



**COMMUNITY
CHANGER**

\$5000-\$10,000



**COMMUNITY
LEADER**

\$10,000 +

FUNDING

It starts with you.

Our Community Our Garden Hub: Cultivating Community Connections
Our goal is to connect groups and individuals to this space, fostering a shared cultivation of life in our public areas. Downtown Lloydminster is uniquely special, and by nurturing this specific spot, we aim to see how it nourishes our relationships with each other and ourselves.

For this community endeavour, we seek partnerships and donations to realize our vision for a downtown garden space, one step that will surely inspire so many more!

Together, let's cultivate a vibrant downtown garden that grows not just plants but also strengthens the fabric of our community. Join us in nourishing our shared space and relationships.

DONORS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



Community Supporter - up to \$1000

Tools, supplies, compost, and seeds.

Community Trailblazer - \$1000-\$5000

Soil, marketing material, paint, lighting, and composting bins.

Community Changer - \$5000-\$10,000

Wooden raised beds, plants, trees, seating, reinforced cattle panels and trellis.

Community Leader - \$10,000 +

Machinery, Administration, labour and concrete raised beds.

All donors will receive online recognition through: Podcast & Online Community "Colour Me Happy", facebook, instagram, youtube, subscribers and local media, reaching 272,000 monthly provided through Brandi Hofer Studios.

All donors will have the opportunity to provide temporary signage for the instalment time of the garden as well as a permanent plaque on site.

Events to Remember

Installation Date: Spring/Summer 2024

Breaking Ground Ceremony: May 2024

Midsummer Garden Party Opening: August 2024

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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Amy initiated the "Downtown Lloydminster's 49th Street Community Garden" Facebook group to share crucial updates, events, volunteer opportunities, and reminders. The garden, envisioned as an ongoing community hub, welcomes groups like Library in the Wild and local daycares for educational walks among the plants.

Newcomer societies can conduct workshops on growing food in our climate, and experts can share tutorials on soil building, seed saving, and composting. Residents, groups, schools, non-profits, and senior complexes are encouraged to tend and enjoy the garden.

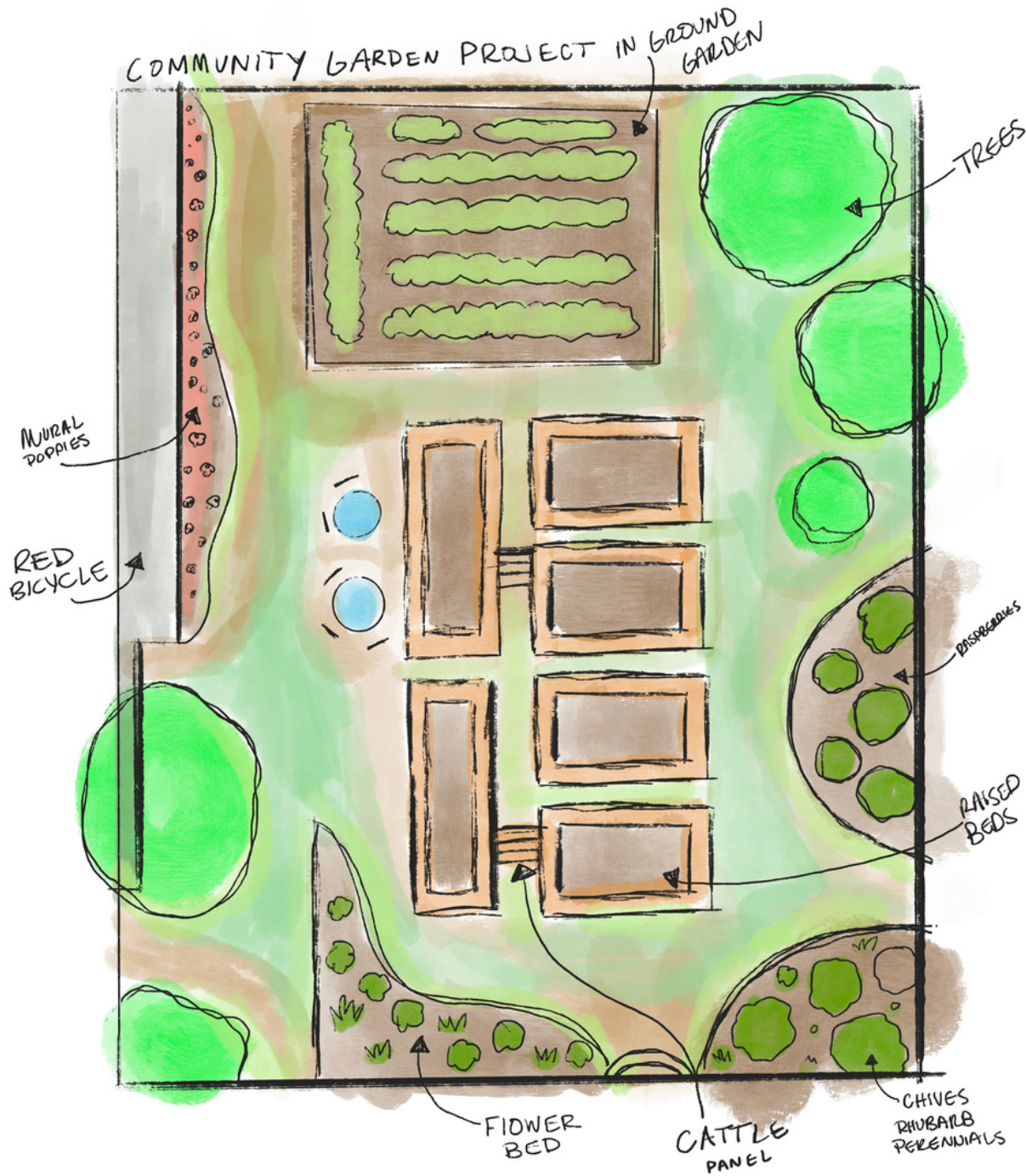
Discover the richness of an indigenous herb garden as we provide insightful education on their unique benefits. An immersive experience awaits as we delve into the natural wisdom of these indigenous plants. Watch this space for a future of learning and well-being! A public garden offers countless healthy opportunities to enrich lives and build community bonds.

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When you give back to your community, your community gives back tenfold.

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DESIGN PLOT VISION



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DESIGN MURAL WALL



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