

Project Description

The NRRC Healthy Urban Living Demonstration Site located at the corner of Golden Valley Road and Girard Avenue in North Minneapolis is intended to be a place where Northside residents can come together to find a green refuge in an urban context. It will use urban agriculture to empower youth to be advocates for healthy, sustainable neighborhoods and promote a vision for urban food security. The NRRC site will provide a space to offer workshops on urban agriculture led by community members, and provide resources for the youth and residents to become primary agents of the food system on the Northside.

Team 10 is proposing a design of the site that balances flow, aesthetics, and functionality. It includes a greenhouse with a 4-seasons porch and a space to hold workshops; adding a pond to the existing raingarden to collect water; chicken coop, apiary with cedar beehives located at the south-west corner; garden beds; a brick oven, picnic table, barbecue, at the north-west corner; a pergola attached to the building with retractable fabric; grapevines above the entrances to the garden and from Girard, and stone walkways around the garden. Furthermore, a 6 feet wrought iron fence with two gates are added facing Golden Valley Road and Girard Avenue. The center of the garden is left open to be used for activities and as a rentable space for community events. The existing garage is converted into a storage space with direct access to the street for deliveries. Pollinator gardens wrap around the central open space along the stone walkways.



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