



Angele Cupples Community Garden

An Imagine Concrete initiative



INFORMATION

A little history ...

The **Angele Cupples Community Garden** is a direct result of the Imagine Concrete townwide visioning workshop held in April 2009. Out of 42 attendees, 38 voted to create the garden.

Town of Concrete donated the three lots on which the garden lies. It measures 250 feet long and 79 feet wide—just under half an acre.

Numerous components comprise the garden, including raised beds for rent, a Memory Garden, a Children's Garden, a utility shed, a field crops area, and 12-foot beds in which produce will be grown for the Concrete Food Bank. A small bed in the Children's Garden contains flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Future components include an accessible garden for people who use wheelchairs or are otherwise physically challenged, a multipurpose building with teaching spaces and public restrooms, and three greenhouses.

The garden exists because of a grant from School's Out Washington, plus generous donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals whose names will be listed on a large entry sign in the southwest corner of the garden.

Donations are always welcomed. To find out how you can support the garden, contact Town Hall.

MEMORY GARDEN

Located in the southwest corner of the garden, the **Memory Garden** is designed to be a quiet, soothing space where anyone who has lost a loved one can visit to relax and reflect.

Upper Skagit Valley residents are encouraged to submit commemorative brass plates—measuring 3 inches tall and 5 inches wide—to Town Hall, who will mount them on the 4x4 fence rails that will define the garden's north and east edges. Small plants also will be accepted. For details, contact Town Hall at the e-mail and phone number listed below.

Renting a bed

The backbone of this organic garden is its **raised rental beds**, which allow Upper Valley residents to grow their own food. Three sizes of beds are available for the following annual rental fees:

- 4 x 8 feet \$18.50 per year
- 4 x 10 feet \$31.00 per year
- 4 x 12 feet \$43.50 per year

Bed rentals are managed by Town of Concrete. For more information, call Concrete Town Hall at 360.853.8401.

Gardeners who rent a bed are responsible for amending the soil in it using only organic materials. Non-organic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides are not allowed in the garden. For the time being, gardeners also are asked to provide their own tools and hoses, including soaker hoses. Free seeds are available upon request.

Children's Garden

The **Children's Garden** provides an area where children under age 18 may garden for free.

Three sizes of raised beds are available: 2-foot square, 3-foot square, and 4-foot square. Parents or guardians should contact Town Hall to claim a bed for their child. The Town will amend the soil in the child's bed appropriately, and ask the child to write their name on a sign that will mark the bed as theirs.

Free seeds will be provided upon request. Children are expected to tend their bed, keeping it watered and free of weeds. They also are expected not to touch or take anything from any other child's bed. Parents or guardians are asked to accompany their child whenever he or she visits the Children's Garden.

For more information, contact the Concrete Town Hall.

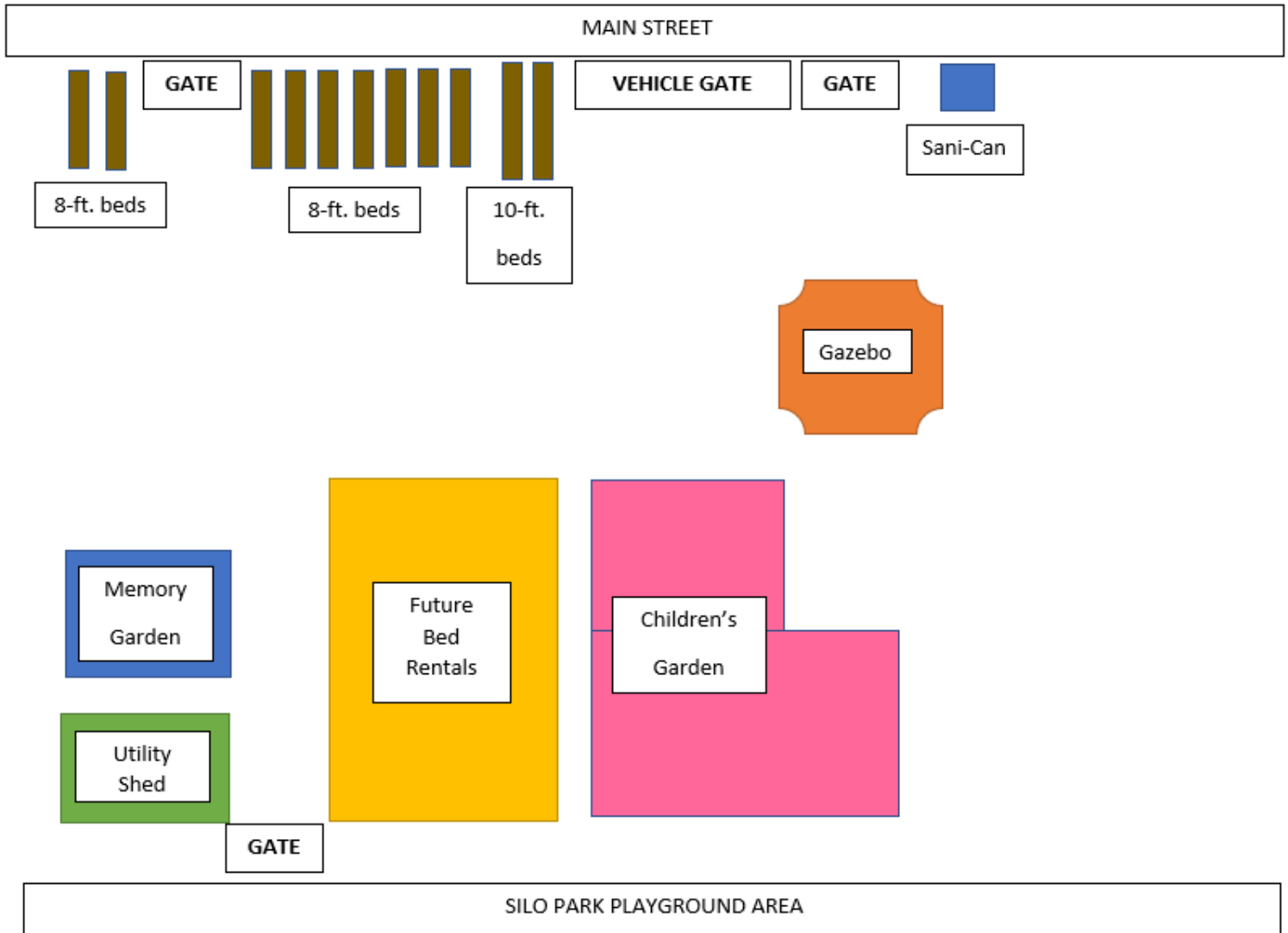
Contacts

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SHED, GREENHOUSES, MULTIPURPOSE BLDG.

A **garden/utility shed** was constructed in the garden's southwest corner. The shed serves as a resource for all who rent a bed in the garden (all renters will be given a key to the shed).

The shed includes private mailboxes for each renter, gardening books and magazines, hand tools, a large selection of seeds, fertilizers, hoses, and other gardening needs. A small storage area at the back is used by the co-managers to store extra fence pickets, miscellaneous hardware, and the like.



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