

LEE DENNISON SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

**Public Hearing
October 10, 2018**





Is the establishment of a sustainable garden at Zimmerman Park the best way to use Lee Dennison's bequest?

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Lee Dennison's Legacy

Lee Dennison was a long-time Town resident who resided on Leland Street; Lee was a **gardener with a strong interest in health & wellness.**



Upon her passing on August 31, 2012, the Town learned that she had provided a \$100,000 bequest to:

- support the **beautification** and/or the maintenance of **public space within the Town**
- specific intent was that these funds be used to augment, rather than replace, public funds

The goal of the sustainable garden is to:

- inform about native plants, water conservation methods, rain gardens, wildlife-friendly landscapes, and organic maintenance methods

Summarized History of Project

The garden committee was established in February 2018 with the mission to determine the practicality of and interest for a sustainable garden within the Town.

In the last 8 months, the committee has provided the Town Council with a list of sustainable garden objectives, a list of ideal qualifications for a landscaping partner, and a list of elements the proposed land should have for a usable garden.

Proposed land requirements were:

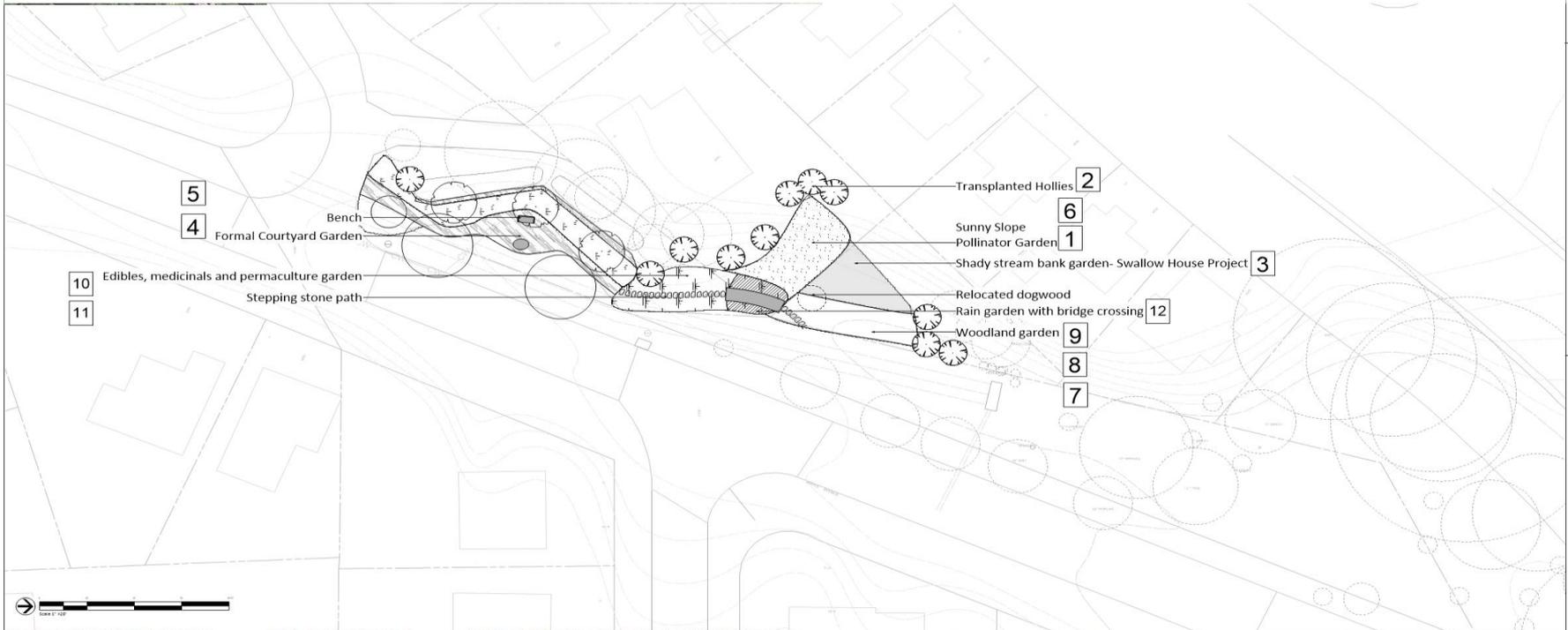
- a sunny/shady/drainage poor demonstration area
- high foot traffic area to enable better educational reach
- ability to create a place for social gathering & reflection
- area within Town boundaries (vs. County-owned property)

After the committee drew up a list of proposed parks, it reached the conclusion and reported to the Town Council that Zimmerman Park well served the garden objectives and proposed elements.

Key Design Elements

1. Minimize long-term maintenance and impact on park play area
2. Mix of formal, natural, interactive and playful elements
3. Use of garden “rooms” to highlight different styles and account for unique climate areas (e.g. shade, slope, water)
4. Specific areas focused on stormwater management, pollinators and pest management

Preliminary Design for the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden



Next Steps for the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden

October 2018

- Obtain Town Council Approval to Proceed with Detailed Design

November & December 2018

- Develop Detailed Design (Including Plant Species)

February 2019

- Public Hearing on Detailed Design
- Incorporate Feedback

March & April 2019

- Final Design & Approval by Town Council

Fall 2019

- Plant Installation