

History of Edible Landscaping

- Integrating food growing with other landscape uses (recreational, aesthetic, etc.) is not a new concept



ON HISTORIC GROUND
Boston Common was utilized with having one of the finest demonstration war gardens in the United States in 1918. This shows the quarter-acre section given over to potatoes, with Lillie Binette assisting in the cultivation. The gardens were planted by the Women's City Club, with experts on hand to give instruction and advice to visitors.
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Liberty Gardens



Berlin 1946



History of Edible Landscaping *European Garden Styles*



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Fenway Victory Garden



Participant Goals?



Overview

Definition:

Edible landscapes seek to retain the existing landscape while integrating edible plants into the design.

Important Note:

Edible landscapes encompass a variety of garden types and scales but do not include food items produced for sale.

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Combining Form and Function



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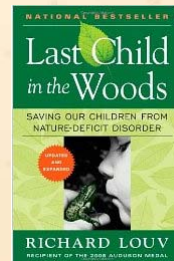
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Associated Terms

- Urban agriculture
- Permaculture: Self-maintained agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems.
- Organic Gardening
- Homesteading

Importance of Edible Landscaping

- According to the EPA, only **1%** of our population claims farming as an occupation. What does this mean? Our children are growing up in a world farther and farther removed from agriculture.
- So few US children can answer where milk comes from that it prompted the USDA to create initiatives to connect children with the source of food.
- Homeschooling component.



Child Gardens



Importance of Edible Landscaping

- Promoting gardens in parks, neighborhood gardens and in front yards will help both youth and adults re-connect with their food and nature.
- Horticulture therapy is the use of gardening to provide mental and physical healing and wellness.

School Gardens



Edible Landscape vs. Traditional Landscape



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The Pros

- Environment
- Health

In general, edible landscaping promotes sustainable gardening practices that maximize water efficiency, support wildlife and reduce the use of chemicals in the landscape.

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The Cons

- Time
- Increased water needs
- Practices

The El Dorado County Community

- Local Regulations or Policies
 - Land Use
 - Food Safety
 - Water Use

El Dorado County CCR's

- CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) are deed restrictions that are contractual limitations of your rights as a property owner.
- Places limits on changes and use of fencing, landscaping, removal of trees and storage of compost amongst others.
- Websites:
 - www.edhsd.org
 - www.cameronpark.org

Food Safety

- Donating Produce (e.g., to food banks)
 - Organization or Institution policy
 - Check with target organization
 - County Policy
 - Environmental Health Department

Water Use

- Policies related to water use may address:
 - Allocation and Pricing
 - Water Conservation
 - Rainwater collection systems
 - Grey-water systems

Landscape Water use policies

- Department of Water Resources
 - Responsible for managing and protecting California's water supply
- Water provider
 - See handout
- County CE office
- California Center for Urban Horticulture
 - Contains information on landscape water management

Growing Food Movement



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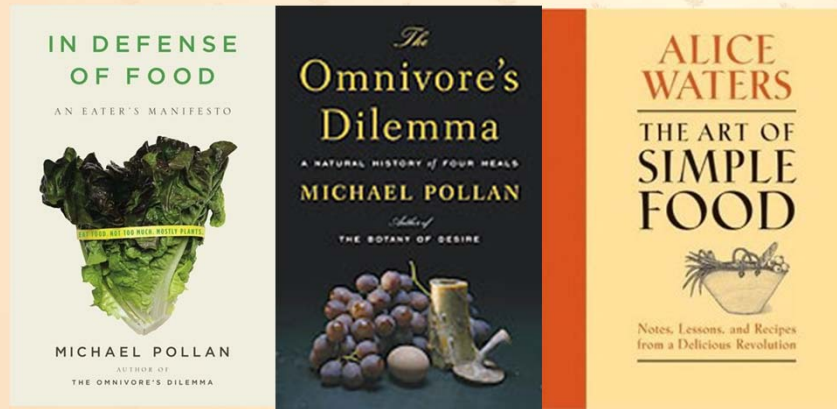


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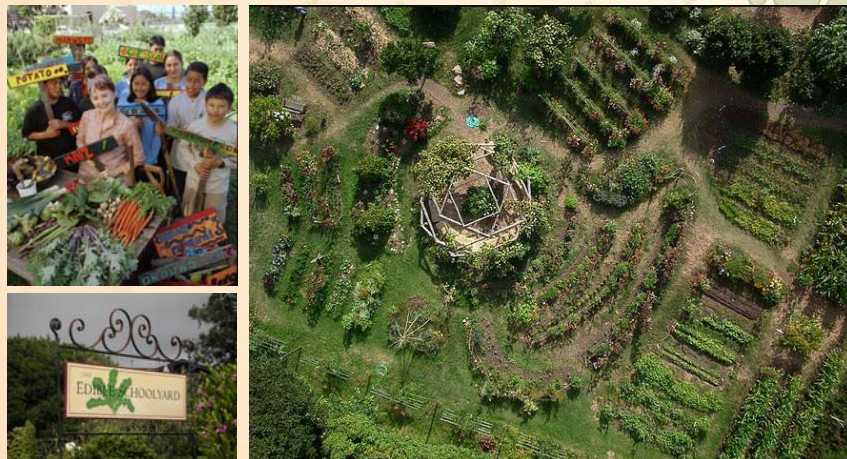


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