

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: March 2021

Revised 9/8/2021

~~Revised 8/6/2021~~

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: Sustainable Scituate

Contact Name & Address: JEAN SHILDNECK 511 Hawthorn Rd

Telephone Number: 857-719-6192 Email: JEAN-SHILDNECK@comcast.net

PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):

OPEN SPACE

RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: Toak Sherman Community Garden

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Permanent fence and related

work at Toak Sherman Community Garden

See Attachment #1 See attached photos.

Attach additional pages including summary, budget, estimated timeline and justification of need.

Project Location or Address: Toak Sherman Park, across from 498 First Parish Rd

Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.

If Open Space or Community Housing:

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: 7/9

Number of acres in parcel: 7/9

Current Zoning Classification: 7/9

Assessed Value: 7/9

Title in name of: 7/9 Title Abstract Date: 7/9

Number of housing units proposed: 2/9

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

See Attachment #2.

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

Name of Permit	Filed? (Y/N)	Filed (Date)	Obtained (Date)
n/a			

Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? (Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)

See Attachment #3

Notes:

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

Ongoing community participation, as outlined in attachments.

FUNDING

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

See Attachment #1

Proposed Funding

Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Sources of Funds other than CPA	Amount	Funding Secured? (Y/N)*
\$ 41,500	\$ 41,500	see attached	\$	
\$ 48,013	\$ 48,013	u	\$	
\$ 52,649	\$ 52,649	u	\$	
			\$	
			\$	

* If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?

OTHER COMMENTS

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

See additional attachments.

By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.

Date: 5/5/2021 Signature: 

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revised 9/8/2021

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE

This request received by Scituate CPC on _____

Copies provided to CPC Members on _____

Additional information required: _____

Committee Vote

Votes:	Yes / No	Votes: Y/N/Abstain	Date
Recommend to Town Meeting			

Other: _____



One Church Street, Route 139
Pembroke, MA 02359

Voice: 781-826-2187
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PROPOSAL/CONTRACT

Proposal/Contract #: 10-1383707
Proposal Date: Feb 24, 2021
Expiration Date: Mar 26, 2021
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To:
TEAK SHERMAN GARDEN Teak Sherman Mem. Garden Rt. 3A Scituate, Ma

JOB LOCATION:
Teak Sherman Mem. Garden Rt. 3A Scituate, MA

Phone: Lisa 781-571-0332 E-Mail:

Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
TEAK SHERMAN GARDEN	3/26/21	C.O.D.	Armstrong

If you are uncertain of the property lines, a survey is recommended.

All materials and workmanship will be warranted by Armstrong Fence Co., Inc. except for gates damaged by wind or neglect, for 2 year date of installation.

Quantity	Description
	Uproot and completely remove existing wood and wire garden structure. Provide and install new above grade height" of 7' tall with 12" set below grade. Chain link with specifications as follows : All black 8' tall mini mesh chain link set below grade with 3" end, corner & gate posts .All line posts to be 2 1/2" with 1 5/8" top rail. All frame work to be 20 weight . All posts will be set in concrete footings .Please be aware this proposal does not include sales tax. Trenching 10"-12" deep for fence line is a \$3200.00 line item .This amount will be deducted if performed by others. Finally, we will extend a 15% discount off of the proposal total to the Memorial.
500.00	1 1/4" X 9 GUAGE X 8'-25' ROLL CHAIN LINK MINI-MESH-KK-BLACK
23.00	1 5/8" X 21' BLACK TOP RAIL- CQ 20-SPECTRA
42.00	2 1/2" X 10' 6" BLACK PIPE-CQ20
8.00	3X12' CQ20 PIPE
3.00	7' X 4' BLACK 2" 20W SINGLE FILLED W/ 1 1/4 x9 ga. . 1- double & 1 single
6.00	3" MALLEABLE BOX HINGE-BLACK

Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon the signing of an Additional W Authorization and will represent additional charges over and above this proposed amount. If digging conditions require PINNING of post PINNING will cost an additional \$100.00 for Wood and \$ 125.00 for Vinyl.

Armstrong Fence Co., Inc. will not be held responsible for conditions or delays beyond its control. Our workers are fully covered by Workers Compensation and General Liability Insurance.

50% DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Authorized Signature: David Armstrong
Armstrong Fence Co., Inc.

Subtotal	Continued
Sales Tax	Continued
TOTAL PROPOSAL/CONTRACT AMOUNT	Continued

A DEPOSIT OF 50% of the Contract amount is required at the time of signing in order to be placed on the schedule. Acceptance and signing of this Proposal makes this document a Contract, subject to Massachusetts state law. The Customer is accepting price, specifications and conditions and authorizes Armstrong Fence Co., Inc. to perform the above work as specified.

BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT THE CUSTOMER AGREES TO PAY THE COD BALANCE DUE AT TIME OF COMPLETION-TO THE ARMSTRONG FENCE INSTALLER or CALL WITH CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

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A service charge of 1 1/2% per month (18% per annum) will be assessed on all past due balances.



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1.00	ILD-MAL IND LATCH 1 5/8 -1 7/8 BLACK
1.00	3" FORK W/ 2" HOLDER-BLACK
8.00	3" BLACK TERMINAL CAP-STEEL
42.00	2 3/8" X 1 5/8" PS LINE TOP- BLACK
12.00	1 5/8" PS RAIL END-BLACK
12.00	3" BEV END BAND BLACK
84.00	3" BEV TENSION BAND BLACK
96.00	5/16" X 1 1/2" GALVANIZED NUT & BOLT-010702
24.00	4' BLACK MM TENSION BAR
350.00	#13 6 1/2" BLACK ALUM TIE 9G
300.00	#16 BLACK TIES
9.00	BAG PORTLAND CEMENT W/ SAND AND STONE

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490.00	LABOR- TAKEDOWN AND REMOVAL- CHAIN LINK - PER FOOT
490.00	LABOR- TRENCHING AND BACKFILL- 12" DEEP-PER FOOT-CHAIN LINK
50.00	LABOR- CHAIN LINK INSTALL-(ALL POSTS SET IN CONCRETE FOOTINGS)
3.00	INSTALLATION LABOR...1 DOUBLE GATE AND 1 SINGLE
2.00	LABOR- WOOD INSTALL thresholds under each gate opening

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Subtotal	29,437.46
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TOTAL PROPOSAL/CONTRACT AMOUNT	29,437.46

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Northern Oak Landscape Inc.
58 Clapp Rd. Scituate, Mass. 02066

Proposal 9/2/21

Town of Scituate

600 Chief justice Cushing Highway

Scituate, Mass. 02066

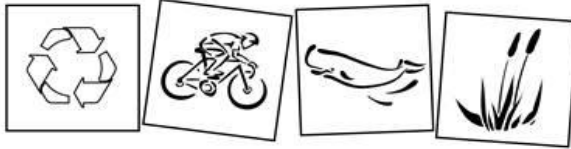
COMMUNITY GARDEN HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING AREA OFF OF FIRST PARISH ROAD

Cut and remove maple tree, grind the stump. Move the rocks that are in the way of the new larger opening. Excavate area for the parking area 8-10" deep. Remove and dispose of this material. Fill this area with ¾" dense grade. Power tamp this material.

Complete material, labor and tax.-----\$4,482.00

Note: Subtract \$200 from this quote, since maple tree will already be removed prior to work on parking space.

**Sustainable
Scituate**



THE SCITUATE FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY GARDEN AT TEAK SHERMAN PARK

Celebrating Our 12th Season in 2021!

The Teak Sherman Community Garden (TSCG) is an organic farm garden in Scituate, Massachusetts. The garden was founded in 2010 as a collaborative effort between Sustainable Scituate, resident organic farmer and Director of Education at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset, Jon Belber, and the Scituate Conservation Commission. The Scituate Conservation Commission has authorized the use of a parcel of conservation land owned by the town and known as the Teak Sherman Park for this project.

The purpose of the TSCG is to educate Scituate residents and give them the opportunity to participate in local, sustainable, organic farm gardening and to provide fresh produce directly to the Scituate Food Pantry. The garden is organized into 10'x10' plots for members and several additional beds dedicated exclusively to growing food for the Scituate Food Pantry. All Members/Volunteers are invited to help tend the Food Pantry beds and all are required to donate some of the produce from their individual beds to the Food Pantry. Senior citizens and clients of the Scituate Food Pantry are encouraged to become members, and the annual plot fee is waived for Food Pantry clients and others requiring financial assistance.

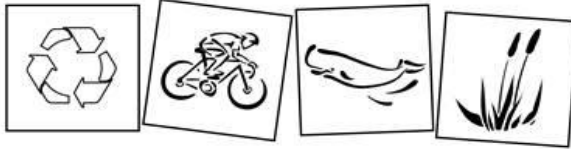
Members gather together occasionally for work parties, gardening education, and social events that are communicated via email and the TSCG Facebook Group which is designed to enhance communication between and among plot holders and members of the garden's leadership team.

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/243885909037683/\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/243885909037683/)

Applications for plots are made available each spring via email and at Scituate Town Hall, Scituate Library, and the Scituate Food Pantry.

TSCG Leadership

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- Lisa Bertola | Liaison to Sustainable Scituate | lisabertola@comcast.net
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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND KEEP THESE PAGES FOR YOUR RECORDS

2021 GARDEN GUIDELINES

Members/Volunteers agree to:

- Complete, sign, and return a copy of the attached membership and liability waiver form prior to gardening. Plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- Remit an annual fee of \$25 per plot to help cover garden expenses. Fee is waived for Food Pantry recipients or other participants who require financial assistance.
- Supply 10% or more of their produce to the Scituate Food Pantry. See details below.
- Garden using only organic methods and material. Purchased compost, fertilizer, or mulch must be certified organic. All manures (rabbit, chicken, horse, cow) must be fully composted. No non-organic pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, or fertilizers are allowed. Use of organic seeds and seedlings is encouraged. Ask a member of the TSCG Leadership Team if in doubt.
- Prepare their plot for planting by May 15, keep it maintained all season long, and clean it up in the fall. Notify Jean Shildneck if you choose to abandon your plot.
- Maintain their plot as well as the areas immediately surrounding their plot, keeping weeds at a minimum. Each plot-holder will be responsible for controlling the weeds in the pathways around their plot. Options for controlling weeds in the pathways surrounding your plot(s) include weeding, mowing, and mulching. Lawn mowers are available on site for everyone to use. Sustainable Scituate reserves the right to re-assign plots that are not being maintained.
- Assist with maintenance of the common areas of the garden, including mowing the outskirts of the garden, assisting with planting, tending, and harvesting from beds that are dedicated to growing produce for the Food Pantry, etc.
- Plant crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- Treat plants with organic solutions to prevent disease which spreads to other plots easily. Remove diseased plants from the garden if necessary and dispose of them at home. Powdery mildew has been a problem in previous years.
- Remove insects or treat with organic solutions to prevent infestations of other plots.
- Place garden refuse in the compost pile. Woody, diseased, or heavily seeded plant material should not be put in the compost pile. Mature compost from the pile will be shared equally among members.
- Water responsibly by hand (no hoses) and return watering cans to the shed when finished.
- Close water valve, shed door, and gates when leaving the garden.
- Treat the garden, shed, furniture, and tools with respect.
- Clean and return tools to shed after use.
- Remove all trash and litter.
- Refrain from bringing pets to the garden.
- Refrain from introducing any additional fencing or artificial barriers around plots.
- Immediately report any concerns to the TSCG Leadership Team.
- Park in the lot off of Rte 3A. Parking on First Parish Road is prohibited.

Additional Details on Donating Produce to the Scituate Food Pantry

- One of the primary goals of the Teak Sherman Community Garden (TSCG) is to provide high quality fresh produce to the Scituate Food Pantry and all Members are obliged to donate a minimum of 10% of their produce to the Food Pantry.
- The Scituate Food Pantry operates out of the basement of the Masonic Temple at 344 Country Way. Drop off food on Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, or Thursday afternoon. If your schedule does not permit you to drop off food when the Food Pantry is open, please speak to a fellow Teak Sherman gardener or to one of the members of the TSCG Leadership Team to arrange for someone else to make your donations.
- Each Teak Sherman Garden Member is invited to use a common-sense approach to harvesting produce from other Member's plots for donation to the Food Pantry. This should be done as needed and as common sense dictates: harvest those tomatoes that are about to fall off the vine and the summer squash that is becoming overly large, but leave your neighbor's single cantaloupe or red pepper for them to harvest themselves!
- If you plan to donate regularly to the Food Pantry, and DO NOT WANT anyone else to harvest from your plot, please leave a sign in your plot. Please do not put up a sign if you are not able to harvest and donate regularly.

Additional Details Concerning Garden Maintenance and the TSCG Community

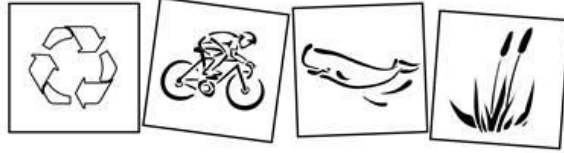
- Please take time during the growing season to undertake basic maintenance tasks such as mowing the lawn around the perimeter of the garden and weeding in and around your plot. If you would like to help with other projects, including cutting back fallen or precarious limbs or delivering wood chips or other supplies, please contact a member of the TSCG Leadership Team.
- We will occasionally schedule work parties, information sessions, and social gatherings at the garden.
- Join the Teak Sherman Community Garden GROUP on Facebook to ask questions and share ideas with other Members (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243885909037683/>). (There is also a TSCG PAGE on Facebook, but this does not allow for posts from members, so please disregard.)
- To improve communication and create community, a map of the garden including names of plot-holders will be posted at the garden. Phone numbers and email addresses will also be shared within the group.

Membership and Payment Details

- To request membership, please return a completed membership and liability release form and payment to Jean Shildneck at 511 Hatherly Road, Scituate, 02066. Telephone: 857-719-6192.
- The annual fee of \$25 will be waived upon request by Food Pantry recipients or other participants who require financial assistance.
- Checks should be made payable to Sustainable Scituate.

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REGISTRATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER 2021 GARDENING SEASON

I have read and agree to comply with the guidelines of the Scituate Food Pantry Community Garden at Teak Sherman Park. I understand that renting a plot involves gardening, an activity that includes risks such as, but not limited to, effects of the water, interaction with other participants, falls and injury due to the use of garden equipment and the act of gardening itself. I hereby expressly assume all risks including personal injury and death, arising in any way out of my participation in the garden.

I am solely responsible for my own health and safety. I respect and warrant that I am physically fit and able to participate in the garden.

I agree, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to not sue and to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Scituate, the owner of the garden property, Sustainable Scituate, the Scituate Conservation Commission, their affiliates, agents, volunteers, and employees, and all sponsoring businesses and organizations and their agents and employees, from any and all liability claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of my participation in this and related activities – whether it results from the negligence of any of the above or from any other cause.

I understand that neither the Town of Scituate, Sustainable Scituate, nor the Scituate Conservation Commission is responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Town of Scituate, Sustainable Scituate, and the Scituate Conservation Commission for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my family and guests.

I, the undersigned, have read and agree to abide by the Scituate Food Pantry Community Garden at Teak Sherman Park guidelines, and I understand that the failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the loss of my gardening privileges. I certify that I am a resident of Scituate, Massachusetts (members must live in Scituate; volunteers can live anywhere) and reside at the following address:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): _____ EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I HAVE RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK/SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM

I AM APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP (MY OWN PERSONAL PLOT)

I AM APPLYING TO VOLUNTEER (TO HARVEST AND HELP MAINTAIN FOOD PANTRY PLOTS)

Seasonal fee is \$25 per plot, unless waived. Please make checks payable to Sustainable Scituate.

Send check along with completed form, including responses to the questions on the back, to:

Jean Shildneck, 511 Hatherly Road, Scituate.

For office use: Payment received -- Cash | Check # _____ \$ _____

Please provide a brief written response to the following questions:

What does it mean to you to be part of a community garden?

How much of your weekly harvest do you intend to donate to the Food Pantry? Are you able to bring your produce to the Food Pantry on Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, or Thursday morning? For returning plot-holders, how much produce did you donate last year?

How do you plan to contribute to the ongoing wellbeing of the garden and the sense of community? Examples include mowing, tending Food Pantry plots, helping with fencing project, providing gardening expertise to fellow plotters, participating in spring and fall cleanup parties, attending Harvest Dinner, sharing information on our Facebook page, helping to plan and organize garden gatherings or fundraising events, assisting with grant applications, other.

What suggestions do you have to improve the Teak Sherman Community Garden? Other comments or questions?

For returning "Plotters" – Do you want to keep the same plot(s) you tended last year?

Attachment 1: Brief Description of Project, Funding Request, and Project Timeline

Sustainable Scituate is requesting funding from the CPC for a permanent fence and related work at the Teak Sherman Community Garden (TSCG).

Sustainable Scituate and the TSCG Leadership Team have managed TSCG as a small but very successful community garden for 11 years. Every year, we have 30-40 people tending plots in the garden. These are Scituate residents who are growing healthy, local, organic food for themselves and their families, and they are all contributing some of that fresh, organic produce to the Food Pantry. Additionally, we are all working together as a small community, forming friendships, learning from one another, and supporting each other and the garden.

Support from the town has come in the form of three small CPC grants (\$3,500 in 2011, \$717 in 2012, and \$5,039 in 2015). Sustainable Scituate also obtained a \$1,250 grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund in the early years of the community garden. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Scituate has donated \$1,081 as well as volunteer hours. Community Garden members have raised additional funds at the Transfer Station and have contributed to capital campaigns for fencing upgrades over the years. Annual expenses related to ongoing garden operations (water, compost, repairs, and purchase of gardening tools and supplies) are paid for from annual member plot fees.

Local contractor Gary Culkins has donated his time to help with the original fencing project as well as ongoing repairs and planning. Ronny Simons of R&C Farm volunteered his time and equipment for an initial tilling of the soil. J.F. Price, Lionshead Organics, Kennedy's Country Gardens, and J.F. Kehoe and Son have provided discounts on compost, wood chips, and supplies over the years. Scouts and many other volunteers have helped with annual clean-up parties and various projects in the garden.

Project Proposal

Had we known at the beginning of our endeavor how successful this community garden was going to be, we would have applied for a larger CPC grant at the outset to install a more durable fence than the one that, as we enter our 12th year of the project, is failing and desperately needs replacing. CPC funding of the projects listed below would allow us to consolidate the success of this community garden and make it sustainable into the future.

- Install a chain link fence to replace the rotting wooden fence posts and ripped plastic deer netting.
 - Protecting the garden from deer, rabbits, and groundhogs is critical to its success. We lost two ploholders after the 2019 growing season because they were discouraged by the amount of damage to crops by animals that were able to enter because of the degrading fence.
- Cut down several trees around the perimeter of the garden, which currently lean over into the garden.
 - This would protect the investment in the fence and improve productivity by allowing more sun into the garden.

- Most of the 20-25 trees we would like to take down are invasive Norway maples and unhealthy black cherries. Important native trees would be left standing.
- We would also be able to expand the garden by adding eight to ten new plots.
- Removing trees would also improve the appearance of the garden by exposing the historic stone walls on either side, making the parcel look more agricultural without sacrificing a significant number of forest trees.
- **Create an accessible parking space at the garden.**
 - **Creating a hard-packed gravel and crushed stone parking space (similar to at other Conservation land projects in the West End) plus room to turn around would allow access to the garden for people with mobility limitations.**
 - **We are prepared to invite a Scout to build a raised bed as an Eagle Scout project and would make this bed available to one or more Scituate residents.**
- Install a new yard hydrant to replace the existing fixture which we have repaired several times, but which continues to be problematic with a valve that sometimes does not close properly.
- Rebuild the bridge over the stream between the parking area and the garden.
 - It is our understanding that this bridge was built approximately 20 years ago by a Scout for his Eagle Scout project. While not a part of the garden itself, garden members use this bridge to access the garden. It is also used by dog walkers and other members of the public who like to walk on the larger piece of conservation property. Over the years, community garden members have repaired this bridge or found Scouts to repair it. Like the fence around the garden, the deteriorating bridge is creating a safety hazard. Funding this part of the project would allow us to add a support beam and re-deck the bridge.

Sustainable Scituate and the garden’s leadership team will attempt to lower the cost of the fencing by asking for discounts and donations from fencing companies in return for acknowledgement of services provided. TSCG volunteers will help to reduce costs by preparing the site for installation of the new fence. Volunteers will also install rodent fencing at the bottom of chain link fence.

We hope that the Commission and the town will see this as a good capital investment into a project that has been so successful for the past 11 years.

Project Budget

Install chain link fence	\$30,000
Tree removal	\$8,000
Accessible parking spot	\$4,282
Replace yard hydrant	\$1,000
Rebuild bridge	\$2,500
<u>15% contingency</u>	<u>\$6,867</u>
Total requested	\$52,649

Timeline

We plan to disassemble the existing fence at the end of this growing season (late fall 2021). Removal of the fence will be undertaken by plot-holders and local volunteers, and materials will be reused where possible. With the fence down, the tree work will be much easier. We will then install the new fence before the 2022 growing season.

Attachment 2: Benefits to Scituate/CPC Goals

TSCG provides many benefits to Scituate including: preservation of open land; connecting Scituate to its history as a farming community; increasing local food security; creating a learning community centered on local production of organic food; providing fresh, organic, and nutritious produce to the Scituate Food Pantry; providing space to community members who might otherwise not be able to grow food; supporting the environment by farming locally, organically, and sustainably; and educating the community about gardening/farming and where food comes from; to name just a few.

TSCG represents a partnership between Sustainable Scituate, Holly Hill Farm, the Town of Scituate through the Conservation Commission, and the Scituate Food Pantry. It provides an opportunity for people without adequate space for gardening at home, including down-sized senior citizens and other condo dwellers. Children and grand-children of plot-holders, as well as SPS students needing Community Service hours, spend time in the garden learning from multiple older generations. Other volunteers have included members of First Parish Church and local Scouts groups.

Quotes from plot-holders

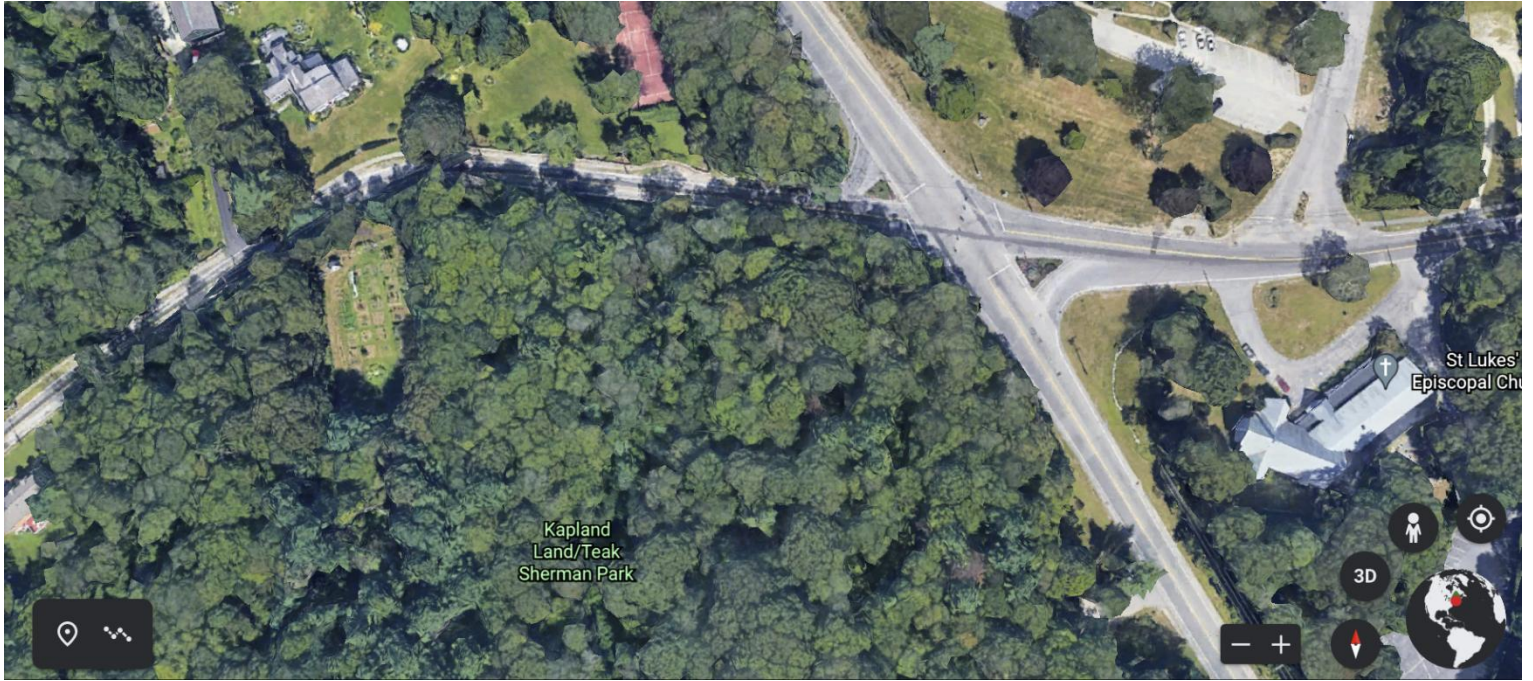
- We liked having a peaceful place to visit, garden, and chat with others when we could.
- We would like to tend the Food Pantry plots, offer gardening tips, help with fencing, or spring clean-up. Pretty much anything. My son watered other members' plots when it was obvious that plants were wilting.
- About five years ago, we downsized to a condo. Having tended my vegetable gardens for years, I missed "getting dirt under my fingernails!"
- I will continue to help with the mowing and am willing to help in any other way needed.
- Happy, as always, to pitch in with projects, maintenance, mowing, etc.
- I like to participate in a positive, shared activity that benefits me, my family, and others through Food Pantry donations.
- I'll continue to rototill the volunteer Food Pantry plots and other members' plots as requested by them. Also, I'll keep the bridge repaired for as long as I can. I also water the volunteer plots when I'm there.
- We love the camaraderie of fellow gardeners and sharing our harvest with the community.
- My husband mows while I weed and water. We also help on clean up days. Would be happy to help with the Food Pantry plots.

- I could offer garden talks about seed choice, GMO, composting, crop rotation, food preserving, etc.
- TSCG is my “happy place.” It is so peaceful and beautiful. I love spending time there alone with my plants, and it’s even better when other plot-holders are there and we can spend some time chatting and sharing gardening tips.
- It is so rewarding to grow my own fresh, organic veggies and to share some of my harvest with the Food Pantry. I love having the opportunity to talk to other members about successes and challenges. I always learn something new!

Attachment 3: Conversations with Town Boards and Committees

- Food Pantry – Rebecca Graziano. We touch base regularly with members of the leadership team of the Food Pantry to get their feedback on the produce we provide.
- Conservation – Andy Gallagher. Met recently to discuss current plans, especially tree removal. We have also reached out to Frank Snow and Penny Scott-Pipes to further discuss the project.
- Conservation – Penny Scott-Pipes visited the garden with Scituate Conservation Agent Amy Walkey to review proposed tree removal. **Jean Shildneck has requested paperwork from the Conservation Department to request approval of tree removal.**

Teak Sherman Community Garden, Scituate, MA, near the intersection of Rte 3A and First Parish Rd.

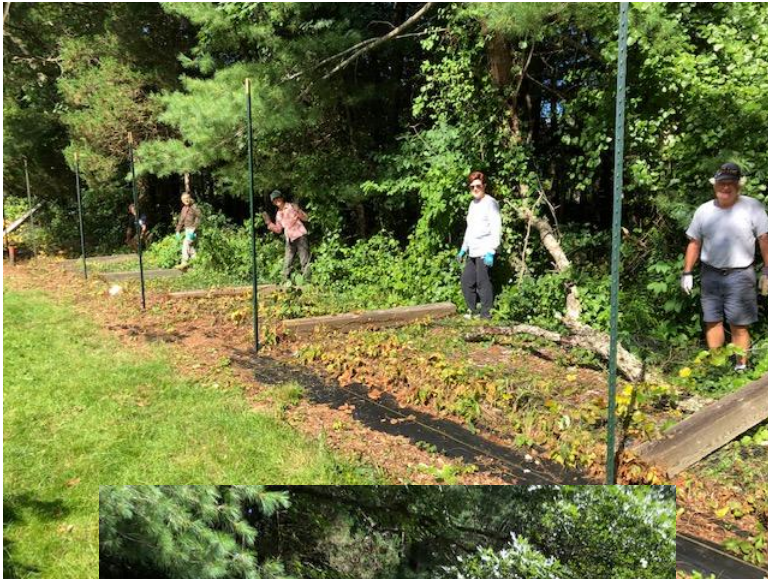


Location near the intersection of Rte 3A and First Parish Rd. Garden is open space on the left to the south of First Parish Rd.



Closeup of the garden.





In mid-August 2021, all the posts along the eastern edge of the garden gave way and the entire fence fell over. By the end of the month, we had recruited volunteers and were able to complete a temporary repair of the fence.

Teak Sherman Community Garden

Scituate's Organic Farm Garden

Providing gardening space to Scituate residents and organic produce to the Scituate Food Pantry.

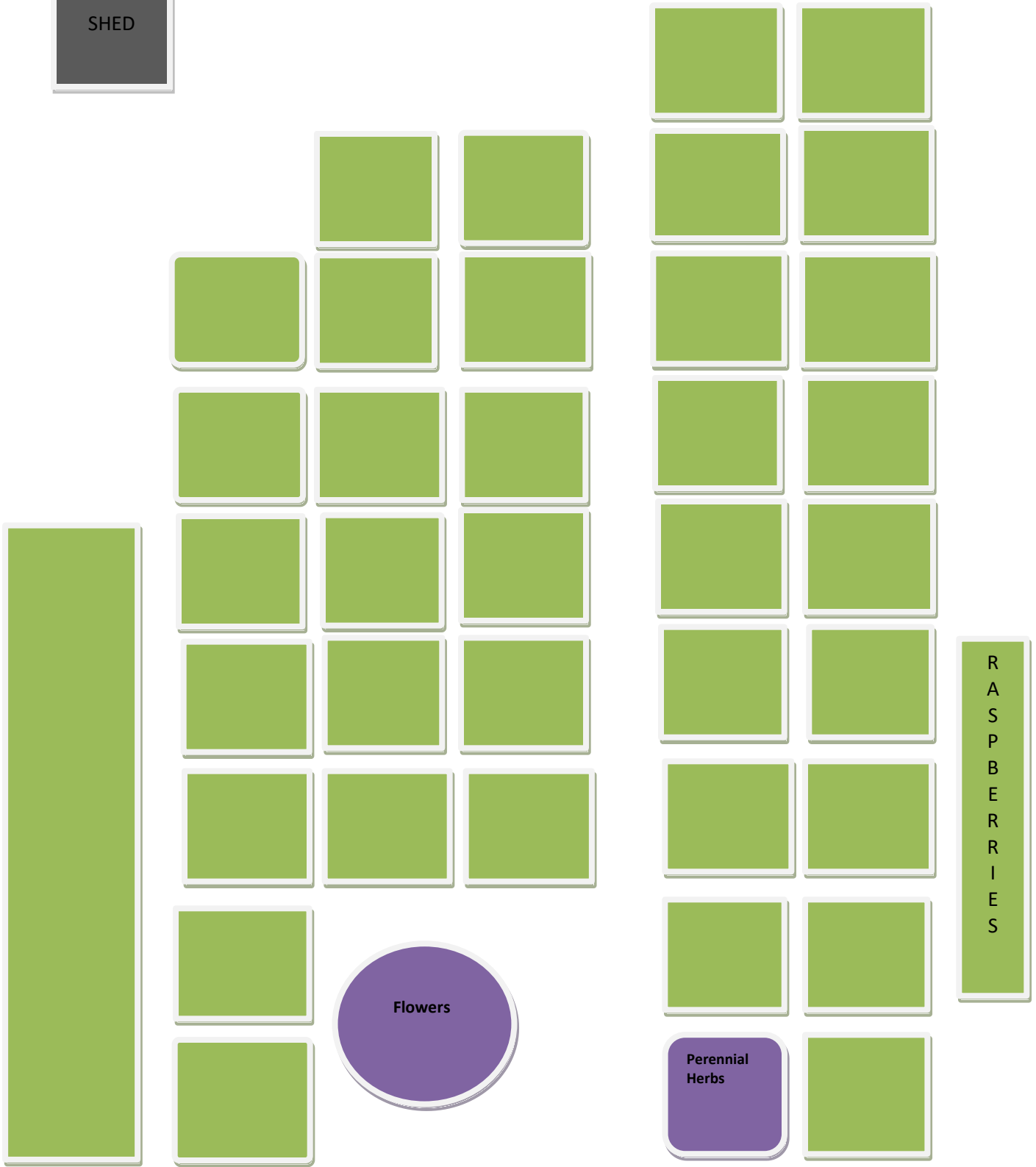








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Teak Sherman Community Garden Plots