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CITY FARMER - COB SHED Photo by Michael Levenston



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CITY FARMER - COB OVEN



CITY FARMER - DEMONSTRATION FOOD GARDEN



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CITY FARMER - WORM BIN, FOR COMPOSTING

WATER CONSERVATION



GREY WATER CONSERVATION - RAIN BARREL

THE GREEN ROOF ON CITY FARMER'S COB SHED



1. PLACE RAFTERS AND SCULPT THE WALL



2. PLACE PLYWOODS ON METAL SHEETS



3. APPLY "ROCKWALL" ON TOP OF TWO LAYERS OF ROOFING MEMBRANES



4. HANG DOWNSPOUTS'



5. LEVEL LANDSCAPE PUMICE WITH RAKE



6. SPREAD OUT LANDSCAPE FABRIC



THE TOOL SHED

MAPLE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD

A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADJACENT TO CITY FARMER'S DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



COMPOST DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



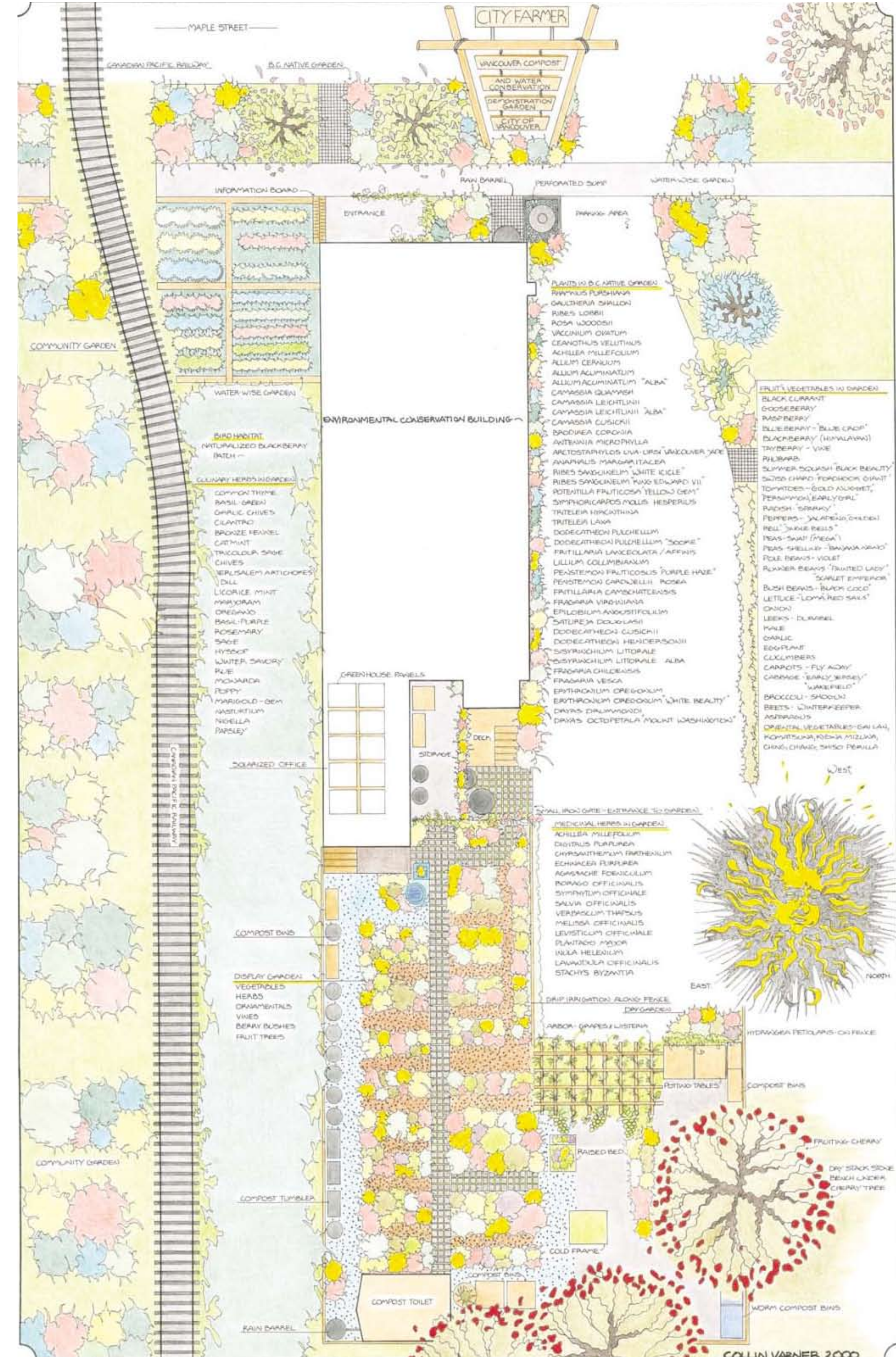
MAPLE COMMUNITY GARDEN, GREENWAY ALONG TRACKS



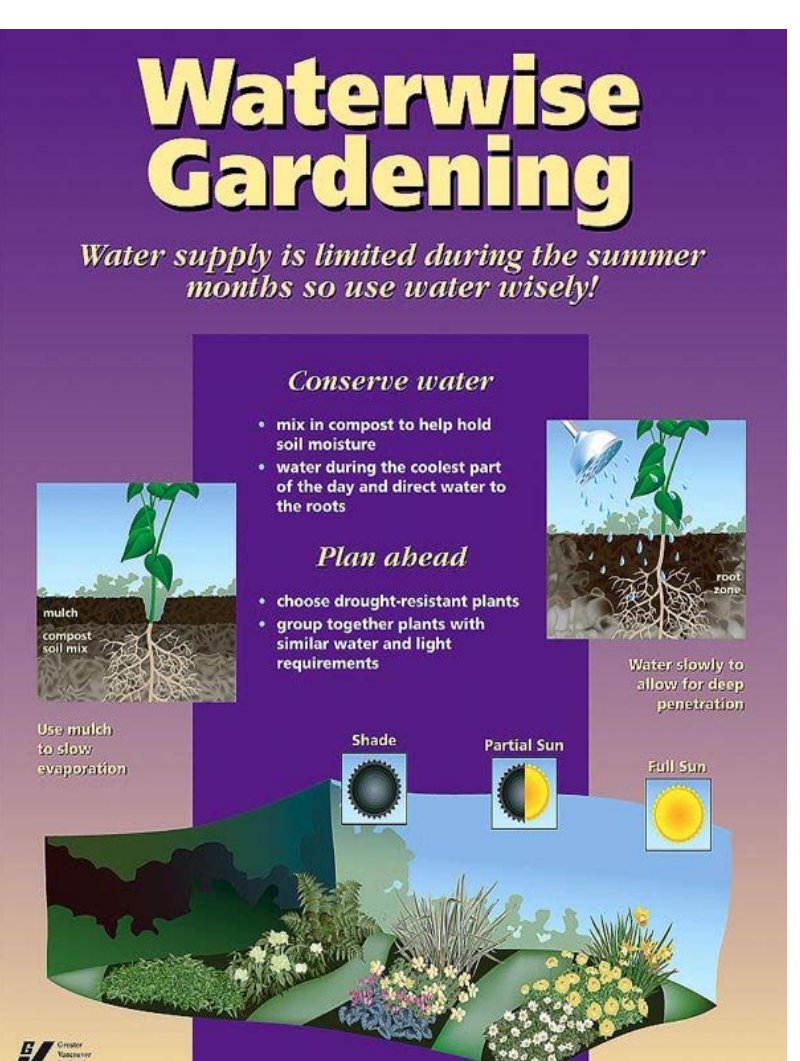
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COMPOSTING TOILET



DETAILED PLAN SHOWING PLANTS AND FEATURES Drawn by Collin Varner, courtesy of Michael Levenston



Posters by GVRD, courtesy of www.cityfarmer.org

City Farmer is a non-profit society, started in Vancouver in 1978. Since then, it has been promoting sustainable urban gardening. They have a Demonstration Garden in Kitsilano that illustrates how to grow food in small spaces in a city. The organization also conducts training sessions on worm composting, backyard composting, organic gardening, natural yard care, and water-wise gardening, for for the general public, schools, and other groups.

City Farmer promotes economic and environmental sustainability, facilitating intergenerational sharing, education about food security, practicing inclusiveness and simplicity, and cultivating tranquility and beauty in their garden.

"It was a bit of an oxymoron," Levenston recalls. "If agriculture, you're rural; if urban, you're a modern consumer. Our outlook at City Farmer was mostly aimed at the backyard farmers who had veggie gardens. It was the non-commercial demographic and we wanted to teach them about the environment through our organization."

The outreach of City Farmer has become international, as it has developed two websites that have become a clearing house of information about urban agriculture events, initiatives, and information. Their first site, "Urban Agriculture Notes" (www.cityfarmer.org), has been running continuously since 1994, and includes hundreds of pages of urban agriculture information. City Farmer News--New Stories From 'Urban Agriculture Notes' <http://www.cityfarmer.info/> is the source of timely information as well as historic data about urban agriculture from all over the world.

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