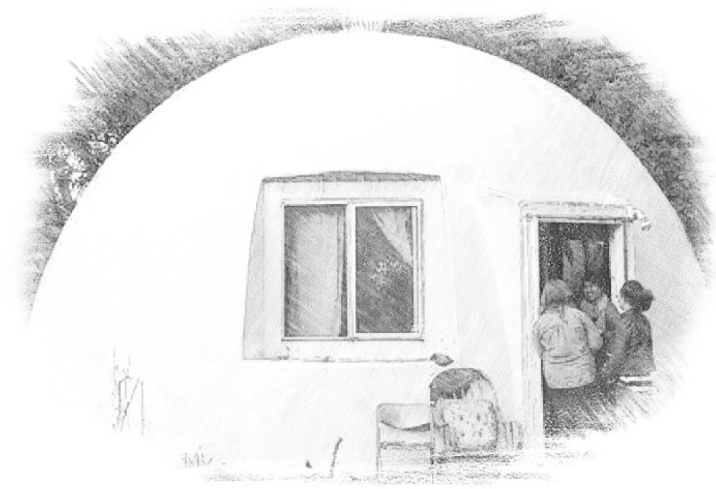


# Herb Garden Revitalization

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The Domes



# Scope of Project







Herban Landscape/Herb Garden in the Beginning Stages

# Challenges

## Faced by the Community

- Large area to manage with many responsibilities
- Many priorities competing for the resident's attention
- Lack of time or expertise needed to take on the restoration of larger public space projects
- Requirement to cut back vegetation to comply with safety codes
- Accumulation of under-used public spaces
- Fear of eviction/ renewal of ground lease

# Opportunities

# Constraints

## For Engagement with the Community

- Pool efforts to help with **maintenance activities**
  - Focus on **areas that may not receive priority** on a regular basis
  - Restore the **productive potential of the grounds to past conditions** using sustainable landscaping techniques
  - Engage in a project that **encourages community members to join in** and help **create a space that will be used**
  - **Lay the groundwork on a site** that allows residents to take control and the reap rewards
- Limited **time** to plan and follow through on the work
  - Unknown (at the time) **budget**

# Mission Statement

To contribute our time and expertise to helping the Domes community to restore the productive use of a garden space on their property and encourage the long term stewardship of this public space and similar restoration projects of adjacent areas.



# Herban Landscape- Herb Garden



# Goals

1. Engage in the collaborative restoration of a garden that is
  - a. **Functional:** provides a service- plants labeled with their use, seating for outdoor enjoyment
  - b. **Self-sufficient:** low-maintenance, practices and incorporates sustainable methods and principles
  - c. **Accessible:** making movement into and through the site easier and is close to highly trafficked areas on the property like the Yurt to attract use
2. Pass on the stewardship of the garden to the residents
  - a. Allow them to reclaim the space with their own vision to meet their own needs
  - b. Provide them the tools to do so in an **informational guide** about the site, how to maintain it, and suggestions for what to do next

# Process & Progress

# Site Analysis

## SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats)

### Strengths:

- Have the proper materials to do the landscaping required.
- Have various ideas of what to plant in the herb garden because of the existing signs and rocks.
- Irrigation system in place.
- Freedom to choose a theme for the space.

### Opportunities:

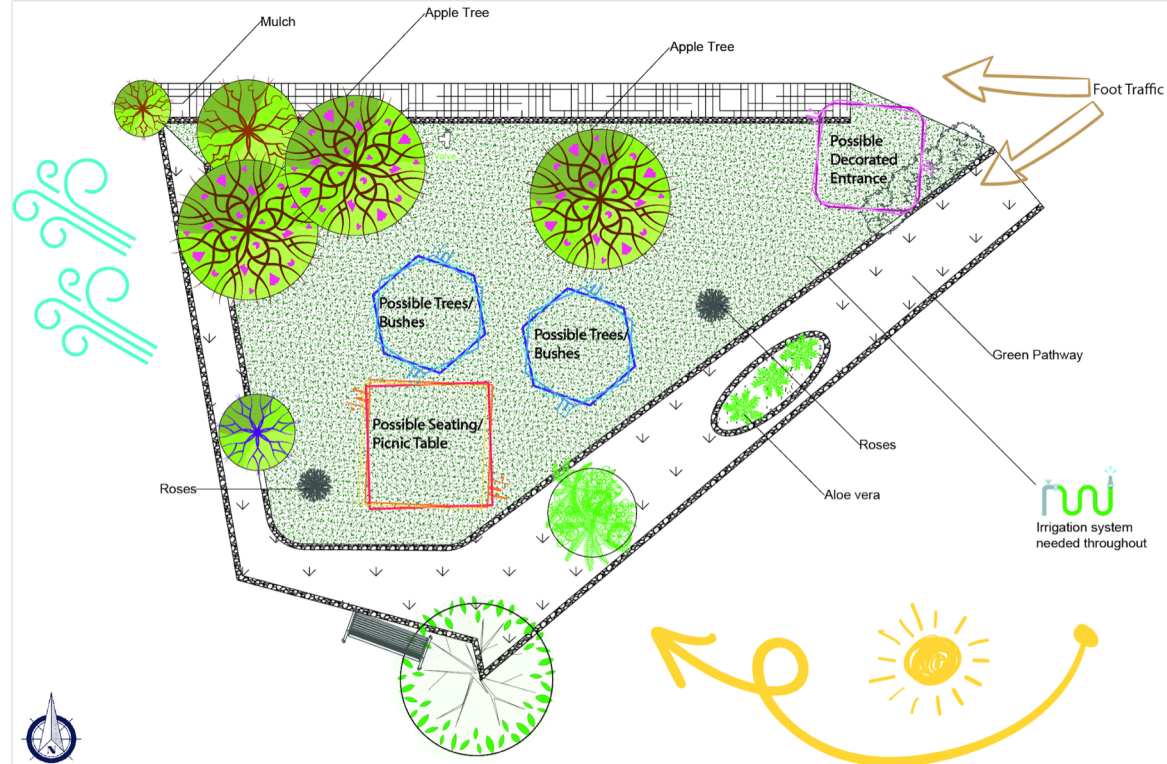
- Could reuse / repaint existing features.
- Turn into a sitting / dining / relaxing space.
- Permaculture

### Weaknesses:

- Time limit.
- Irrigation pattern unknown.
- Narrow access.

### Threats:

- Located near tall, spread out vegetation that may cause a fire hazard.







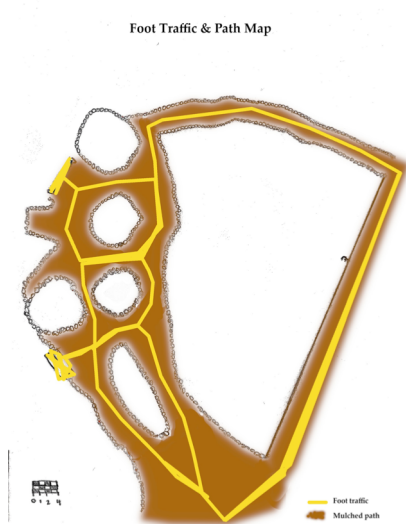
# Feedback

- Support in favor of planting **edible herbs**
- **Opening up the space** between the garden and yurt for more connectivity and promoting **seating**
- **Mulching** the ground around the plants to prevent weed growth
- **Signage** introducing the herbs in the garden and explaining their uses

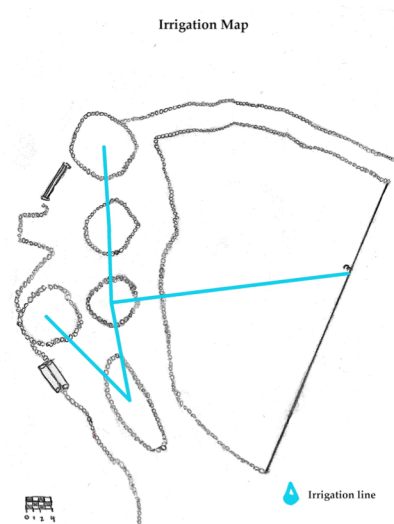


# Design

## Foot Traffic/Paths



## Irrigation Map



## Planting Plots



# Herb Choices

Plot 1. Tricolor Sage (ant repellent, flavor), Jerusalem Dwarf Sage (garnish, flavor)

Plot 2. Pineapple Sage (tangy fragrance, pineapple taste, beverage flavorer, cooking amendment)

Plot 3. Lavender (safe essential oil, sleep aid, tea), Rainbow Yarrow (sooo many health benefits)

Plot 4. Oregano (culinary seasoning), Lemon Thyme (culinary seasoning), English Thyme

Plot 5. Ceanothus- California Lilac (pollinator attractor, essential oil), English Thyme (culinary seasoning)

Plot 6. Black Sage (fragrance)



# Herb Plots



# Design cont.: 3D Model



# Implementation Process



1. Weed-whack and weed by hand
2. Mulch pathways
3. Procure and plant herbs
4. Install irrigation
5. Mulch around plants in plots
6. Make and Print Signage for Herbs
7. Next Steps Guide



# Domes Work Parties





# The Revitalization Progress





# Last Steps

