

Community Garden

2nd Session

October 18, 2023

In order to establish roots on the Erlenmatt Square soon, a second meeting was held to address the next steps towards creating a small green oasis. We also discussed unwanted neophytes and possible seeds. It is clear that there is great motivation this year to start on a small scale.

1) Garden Design

Initially, we plan to start with a community compost, raised beds, and a small ground-level field. In spring 2024, a selection of plants will be chosen through a discussion on biodiversity and will be gradually planted. The envisioned and desired features include rooftop greening of containers, mushrooms and moss, a vertical garden (climbing plants), as well as various fruits, vegetables, and herbs. In terms of infrastructure, there will be seating arrangements such as benches and hammocks, as well as an ecological irrigation system and barrels to collect rainwater. Animals were also discussed, and ideas included rabbits, goats, chickens, and bees.

These creative ideas have been collected and will now be further pursued for implementation within the garden group based on their feasibility and motivation.

2) Organization of the Garden Group

There was a desire for a weekly calendar that can be filled out and viewed by everyone. This way, everyone will know on which days additional help is needed. The schedule can also be used to request support when a major action (e.g., building a goat shelter) is planned for a specific day. Additionally, a contact list will be created, as well as a group chat for people who regularly contribute and want to exchange ideas.

3) Attention and Visibility of the Garden Group

There was a discussion about a sign displaying the contact information for the garden group. An inviting message will draw attention to the activities and encourage people to participate: "A community garden is emerging. Do you want to garden?"

4) Next Step

The third Meeting of the community garden will take place on **November 8 at 5:00 PM**: Garden Group Work Meeting. The goal is to collectively walk through the defined area on Erle Perle for the start of the community garden and exchange concrete ideas about what should be implemented. This is an opportunity to begin creating the first raised beds with winter-resistant seeds.