



Rio Vista Community Gardens

March 21, 2024



Agenda

- **Who am I?**
 - **People involved**
 - City of Rio Vista
 - Sustainable Solano
 - Rio Vista citizens
 - **Community Garden Location**
 - **Formation of Rio Vista
Community Gardens group**
 - **Finding a Garden Manager and
Day-to-day folks**
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Who am I?

Sustainable Solano is a grassroots, countywide organization founded in 1999. We promote ecologically-regenerative, economically and socially just communities in a world that works for everyone.



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Sustainable Solano has grown out of decades of dedicated community work that started with community gardens (“Solano Gardens”) and has grown to include

- Creating sustainable, regenerative community spaces (“Resilient Neighborhoods);
- Supporting local food systems (“Local Food”);
- Building youth leadership and workforce skills (all programs)

Sustainable Solano is a grant supported organization.
This project is funded by:
Solano County Public Health

People involved

City of Rio Vista

- Has land available on Liberty Island Rd which is zoned to become a garden
- Will pay for water and insurance in the garden
- Will work to continue to develop the garden further

Sustainable Solano

- Helps residents develop and improve community gardens
- Can provide garden beds, fruit trees, start-up tools, for a Pilot Garden
- Organize the installation of a Pilot Garden
- Provide template documents for the Garden Group

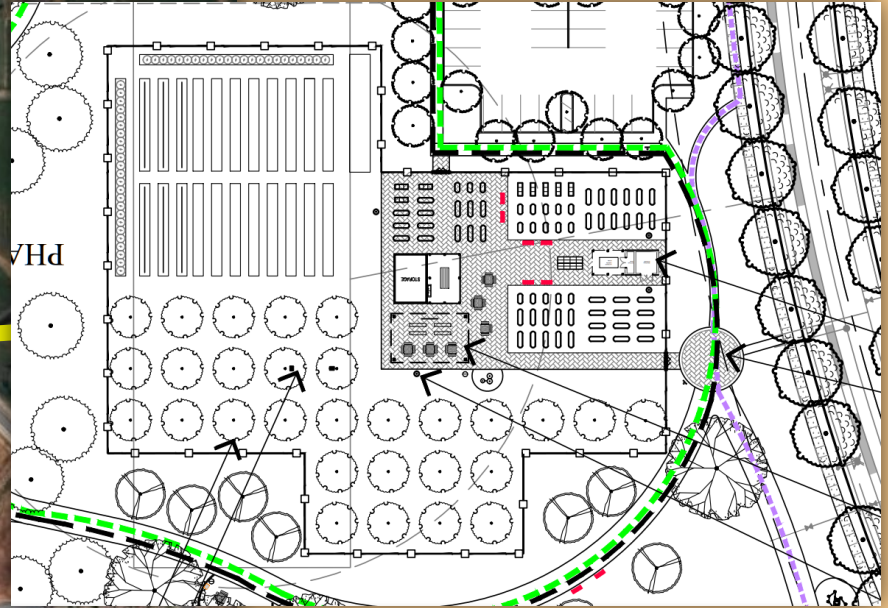
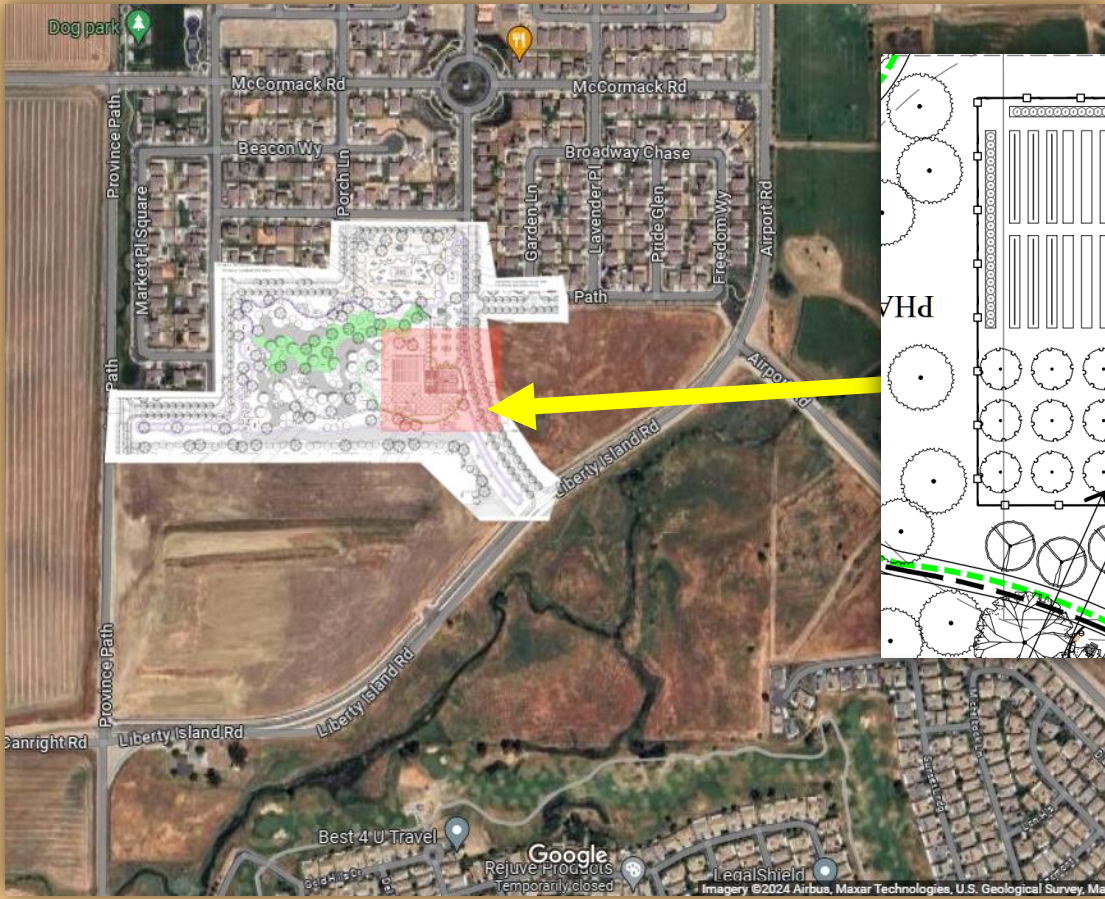
Rio Vista Community Garden Group

- **If you're interested in using the garden space – this is you!**
- Formed by community members
- Agrees to rules and regs for garden
- Use garden beds and orchard
- Overseen by one (1) garden manager who speaks to the City
- Manager assisted by 3 – 4 “day-to-day” folks

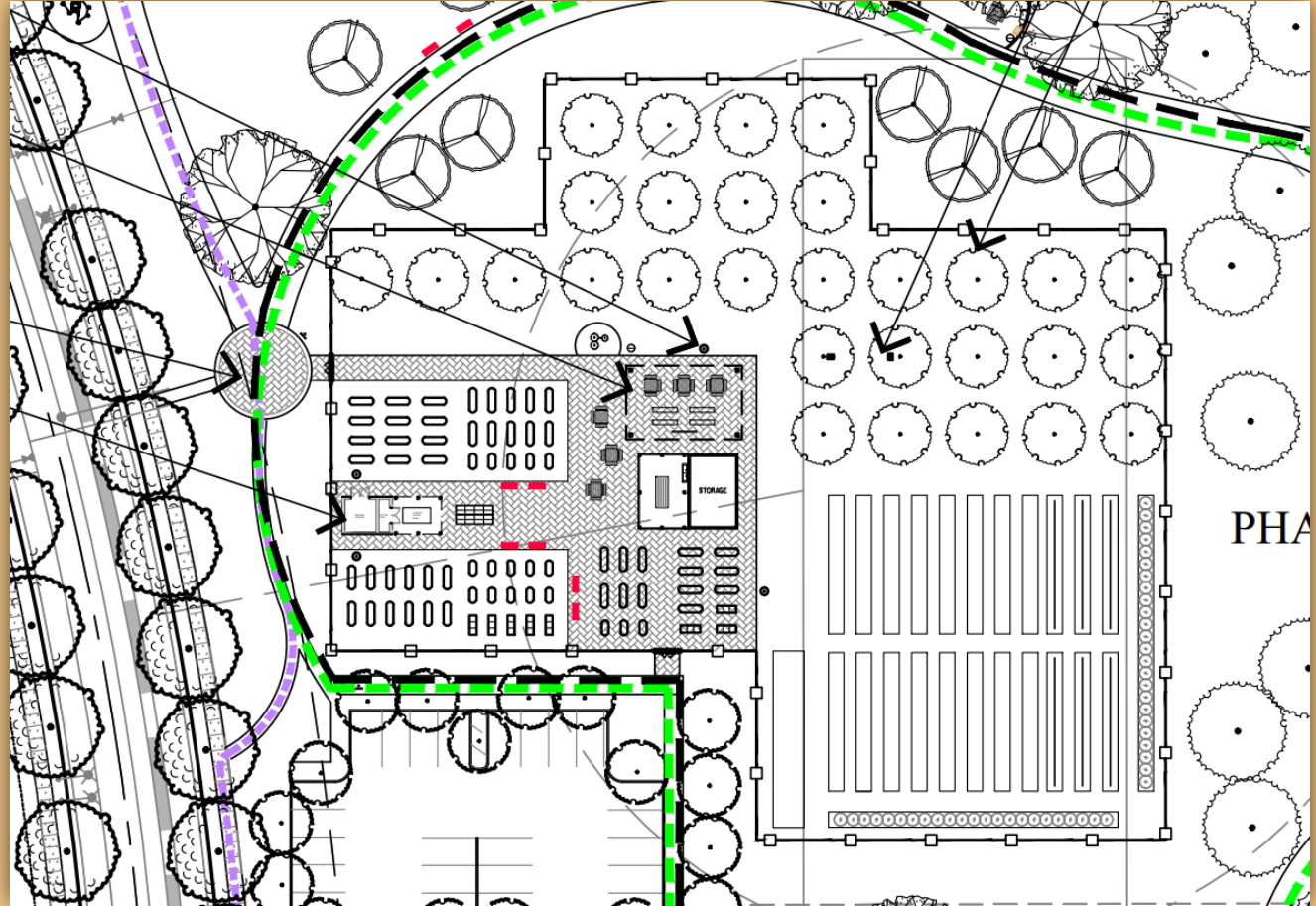
New Garden Location

*Off of Park Place/Liberty
Island Road*

- The current zoning for the space on South 3rd ST doesn't allow for community gardens
 - The City has offered us a space off of Park Place
 - This space would become part of a community park in the future
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- The City plans for this space to include:
- Orchard area,
 - Compost bins,
 - Space for row crops,
 - Potting shed

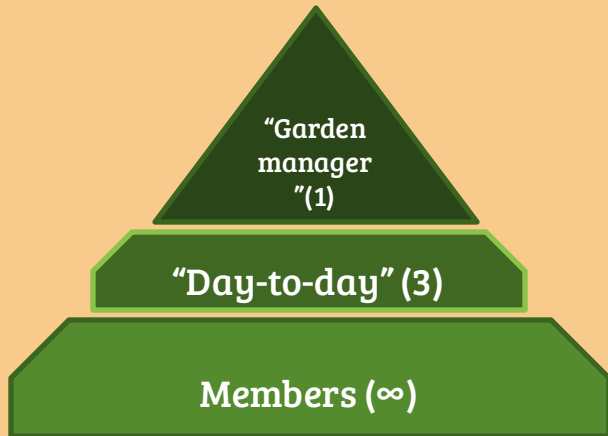


What is happening now?

And what happens next?

- The Rio Vista Community Gardening (RVCG) organization needs to 'solidify'
 - Needs official leaders and members with rules and regulations to negotiate with city
 - Sustainable Solano will work with RVCG and the City to install garden beds and fruit trees in the space as a pilot project.
 - The City will cover insurance and water access.
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- Everyone should sign up on the existing waitlist.
 - From that waitlist, folks need to choose three (or four) people:
 - 1 – “Garden Manager” to act as a liaison to the City.
 - 3 – ‘Day to Day’ group members who will visit the space regularly to ensure the space is orderly
 - Once chosen, these folks will agree to represent the garden to the city, enforce rules, liaise.
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Pilot Garden Installation

RVCG and Sustainable Solano

- Before the Pilot Garden installation happens, folks will agree to the garden rules and regulations (see handout).
 - Sustainable Solano will help the RVCG secure garden beds and fruit trees for the Pilot Garden and will help to install them.
 - The Pilot Garden will become open to the public for workshops, classes, etc.
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**Who wants to represent
the garden?**

Join the waitlist

***[tinyurl.com/
waitlist24rv](https://tinyurl.com/waitlist24rv)***

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