

# Planting A Seed: Community Garden and Grant Initiatives in East San Jose

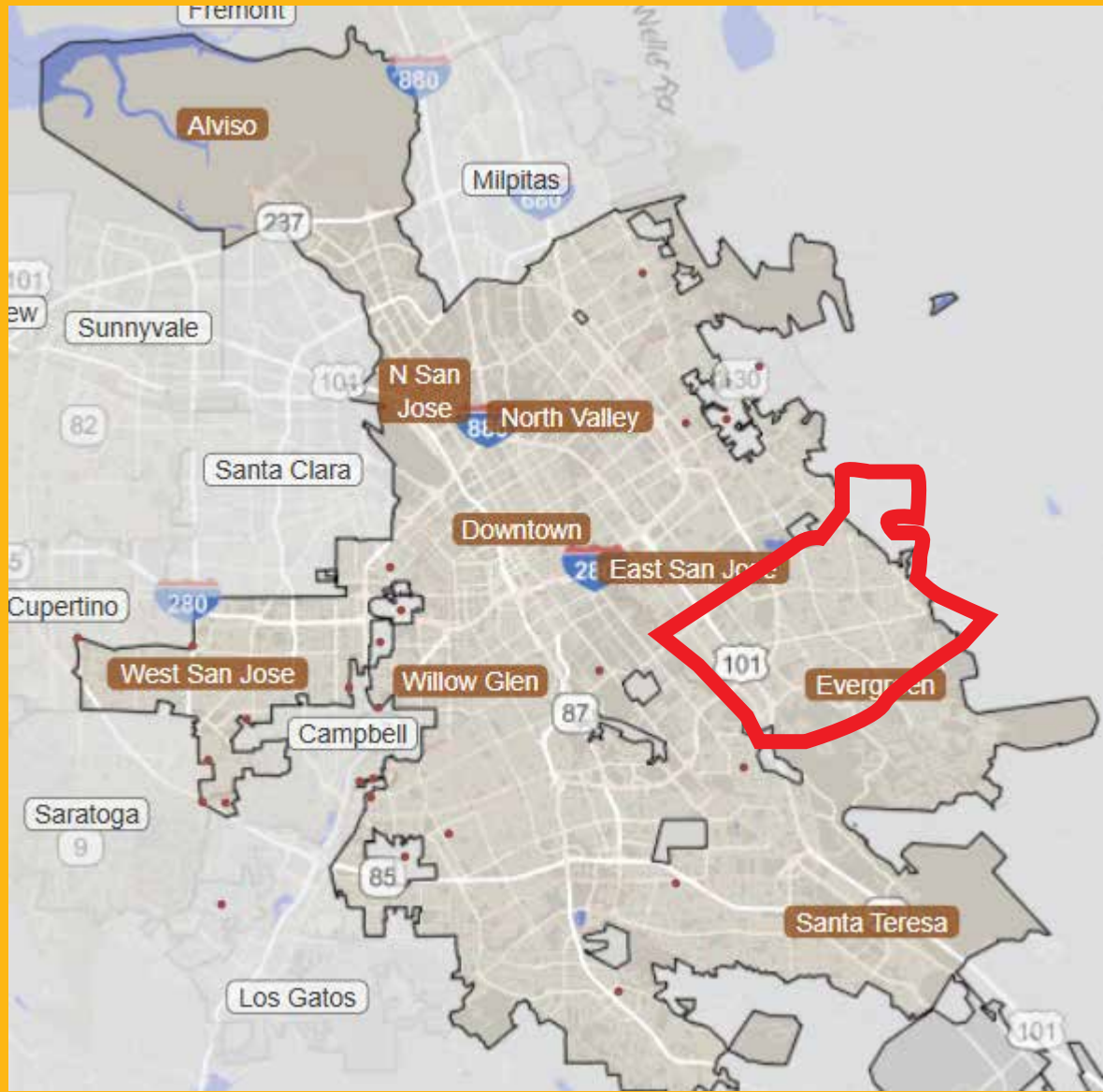
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## Introduction

San Jose has a population of 969,655. The site is loacted on the Eastside of San Jose on Kammerer, Sinclair and Sunset ave. The May fair Community center is 1,504.30 Square feet. There are 3 schools loacted within 1 mile. The schools are located next to a Community Garden that can be utilize for Gardening ciruciuml activity and to teach youth early on.



## Methodology:

Observational Research May Fair Community Center

Date: November 29,2024  
Time: 5:00pm- 2: Homeless man,  
4:kids, 2: Parents,  
1: Adult, 1 Dog  
Location: 2039 Kammerer Ave, San Jose, CA 95116

Variable	Observations
Sidewalks(S)	(A)More lighting to ensure safety and visibility when it gets dark.
Vegetation (V)	(V)People are not encouraged to go to the park because it is small and limited parking available (e.g. handicap..)
Sidewalks(S)	(S)Sidewalks are cracked and people are not able to walk on the sidewalks, poorly maintained
Access (A)	(A)Pathway does not lead to any destinations / providing pathway for bikes or pedestrians track to encourage people to be active
Access (A)	(A)Fences are too low which can attract people

Criteria	Excellent(4): Meets and Exceeds Goals	Good (3): Mostly Meets Goals	Adequate(2): Implementation in Progress with some benefits	Does not meet needs of improvements and lacking implementation
Creek on the Fence	Wood Fence is surrounded by the creek	The fence needs to be higher and to incorporate green vines to increase the green landscaping	Homelessness jump over the fence and camp on the creek	Reaching out to the homelessness towards a shelter or support in wellness. Design the fence taller to avoid trespassing and incorporating plants
Lighting on Sidewalks Safety	There are existing streetlights	Street post are far apart and very tall to see in the dark.	Install new light bulbs and ensure that they are working	Lighting on the outer perimeter of the community garden.
Community Garden only for Residence	The Community Garden is specifically to grown vegetables and fruits.	The Community Garden is specifically to grown vegetables and fruits.	Area =126,843.70 Square Feet Community Garden in Mayfair. Great amount of square footage to use for gardening	Students within schools do not have access towards school. They partner with the Mayfair Community Center
Sidewalks & Tree Maintenance	Sidewalk exist	The grass is growing on the sidewalk no Maintenance on the sidewalks	The trees that are on the vacant property are leaning towards the sidewalks.	The sidewalks are cracked and the road on the Sinclair Dr. Poor infrastructure.

### Varibales

Variable 1 Sidewalks: Improve sidewalks and pavements.To repaint sidewalks to ensure safety for schools and pedestrians. Repainting crosswalks to provide visible for children and people to cross safe. To repave the pavments.

Variable 2 Accessibility: Ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their abilities, physical socioeconomic status, or other demographic factors, can easily navigate and access.

Variable 3 Vegetation: Incorporate herb plants and vegetables for wellness and access to fresh to produces.



## Key Findngs

### Problem Statment

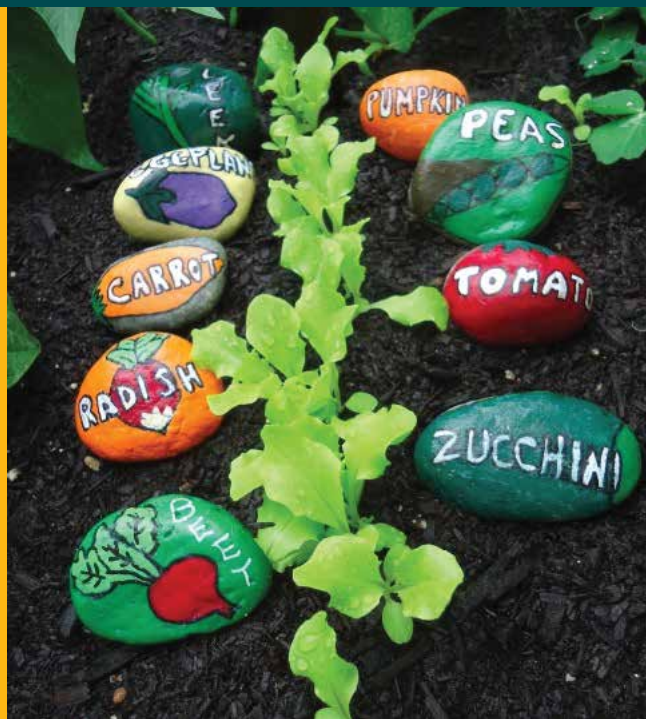
"East San Jose parks suffer from poor accessibility, underutilization, and lack of amenities such as sanitation, lighting, and seating. Additionally, there is a lack of programming and limited access to gardening opportunities, further hindering community engagement."

Case Study: The Lopez Garden- 1034 W.Misson Blvd, CA 91766



## Conclusion

The East of San Jose has potential to use vaccant green spaces that school distict do not use to be able to prvides accesbilty to fresh produce. To Provide progrmmaming for kids, children teenagers and senciors. Utilizing the green space within a mile will be walking distance not only to students , but to the entire community. Providin g gardens will teach the youth the importance of green gardens and provide reocures for seniors but to utittles the space for communitis to come togther. The initive grants will provide a sustiable finaical-aid and education to start implementing garden and acces to fresh produce.



## Recommendations- Grants: Sustinable Community Roots

### Grant Proposal- Indigenous Roots Garden

The Indigenous Roots Garden aims to establish a community garden where each residence is allocated one garden plot, fostering sustainable living, education, and community engagement. Plots will be available on an annual basis, with sizes ranging from 100 to 600 square feet. The garden will adhere to organic gardening principles, ensuring a pesticide- and chemical-free environment. ADA-compliant plots will be available, and the garden will be accessible to seniors, promoting inclusivity and wellness.

Goals and Objective: Access to Fresh Produce- to grow their own food, Educational Opportunitis-Workshops,gardening & nutrition Community Engagment- A shared space fostering social connections.

Project Implemntation: Select & prepare accessible to all residence. Infrastrurer: water access, storagr and seating areas.

Programming: Scheduls conducting workshops and inclusivity. Maintenance: Establish a volunteer committee to oversee events.

Budget Justification: Materials- Soial,seeds,tools & compost bins. Infrastructure: Water system, ADA-compliant & seating, tables, Administration:: Insurance,permets , promotional materilas.

### Evaluation and Impact Measurments

Survey: Collecting feedback from participations on outcome and experiences

Harvest Tracking: Monitor the amount and Variety produce grown.

Community Engagement: Track attendance at workshops and events.

accessibility: Evaluate the usage of ADA-compliant plots and senior participation.

Sustainability Plan: Community Involvemnt, Partnerships and Fundrasing

Letters and Support: Residents expressing intrest, Local Organization-Potencial Partnersships, Nonprofit Sponsors- Confirming support liability and administrative assistance.

The Indienous Roots Gardent represents more than just a space to grow food; it embodies a commitment to sustainability, education, and community well-being. By supporting this initiative, funders will contribute to a healthier, more connected community. e invite you to join us in cultivating a greener future for future communities.

## May Fair Community Garden: Registration

-Community Garden Ownership for a parcel must be 18+ = 1 Garden spot per resdicne

-Plots are issed on a Year Basis

-Average Annual Registration \$150.00 dollars (\$12.50 Per Month)

- Water fee, Adminsitration fee and Materials fee

- Plot size ranges from 100-600 sq/ft

- Only gardening principles concepts

- No use of Pesticides or chemical fertilizer or other sustance

- ADA slots are aviable and in other site locations



Methodology: Survey-Conduct 3 different survey questions for different age group to meet their needs?

AGES: 5-10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATION: - Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center Rocketship Elementary School	AGES: 11-13 Renaissance Academy at Mathson	AGES: 60+ AND MORE Mayfair Community Center
Questions		
What is your favorite color ?	Would you be interested in learning how to grow food like vegetables or fruits in a garden?	What type of garden activities do you most enjoy?
Would you like to grow your own vegetables? Which ones?	If you could design your own garden, what would it look like?	Would you prefer gardening activities that are relaxing and low-impact, or more hands-on and active?
Do you like to play with soil and dirt in the garden?	Would you like to learn how to make your own DIY garden decorations?	Do you have a favorite type of plant or flower that you enjoy growing or looking at?
If you could plant anything in the garden, what would it be?	How would you feel about making a garden that helps the environment, like a pollinator or eco-friendly garden?	Would you enjoy participating in a community garden, where you can grow plants with others?
What would make the garden more fun for you?	What would make gardening more fun or interesting for you?	Would you like to learn more about gardening techniques that are easy on the back and joints, such as container gardening or raised beds?
Would you like to decorate the garden with colorful stones or signs?	Do you enjoy gardening? What do you like most about it?	Would you like to grow plants that can be used for cooking, such as herbs or vegetables?

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