

The St. James Town Community Growing Garden *Team 5*

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Project Statement

The goal of our garden was to focus on accessibility, multi-generationality, and creating a space where families and people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to bond and celebrate their differences and unique abilities. We ensured that the garden could become a "safe space" for everyone - both mentally and physically, through safety additions and mentally calming features. We wanted our garden to be the foundation for memories and lasting friendships, as well as help people through tough times. It would also help engage and foster better learning through informative and fun posters.

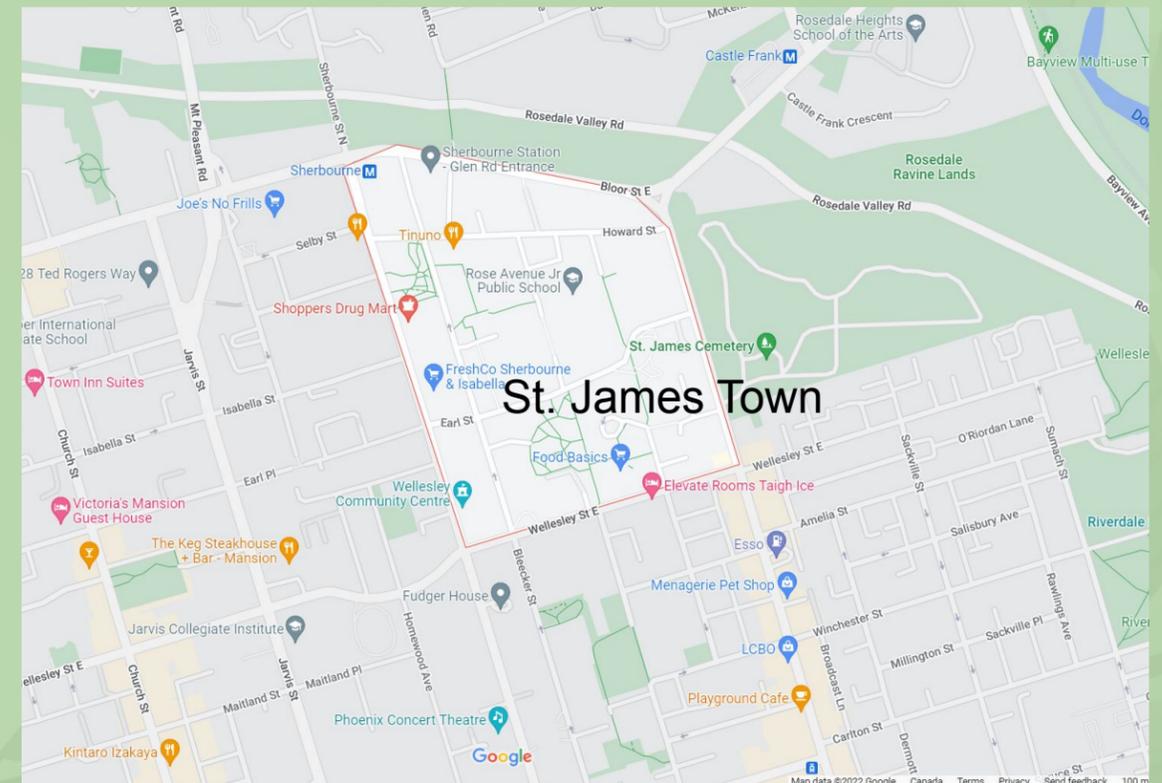
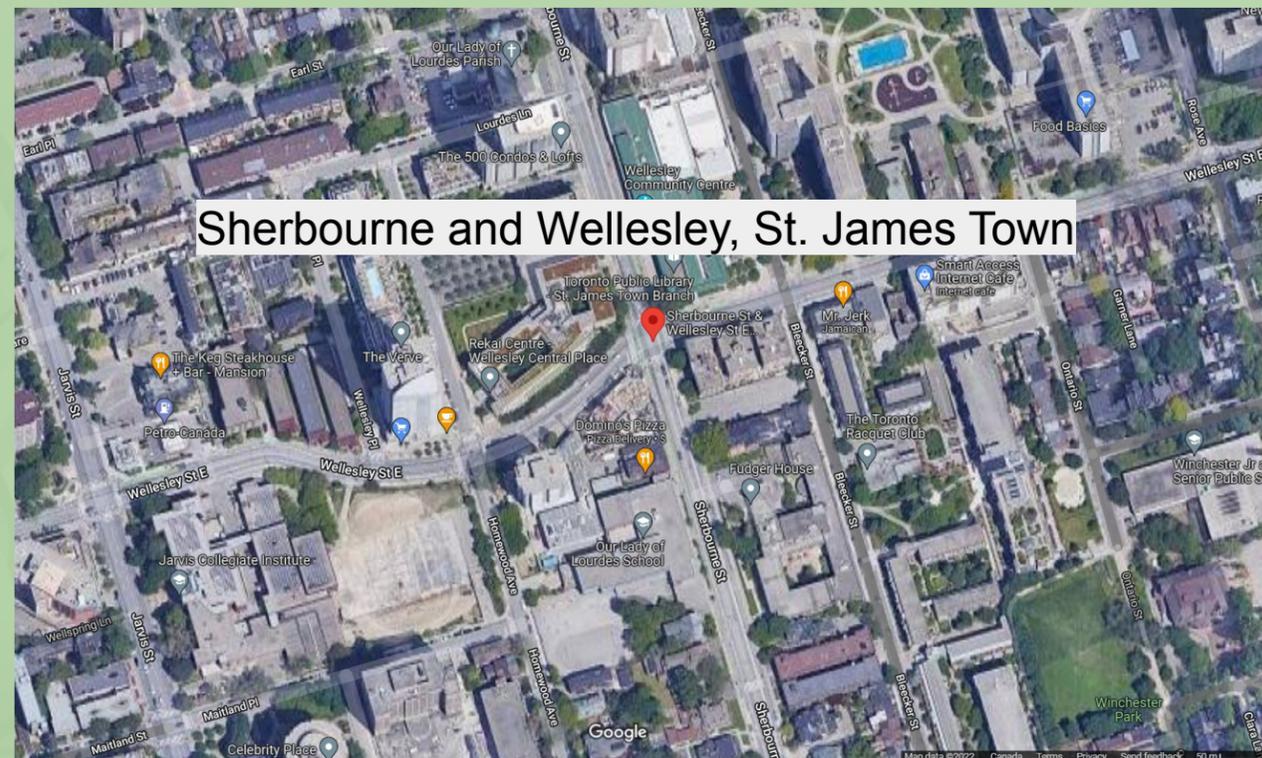


Site Context

The site is located in the **backyard** of a building within St. James Town, Canada, near Sherbourne and Wellesley. St. James Town began as an upper-middle class neighbourhood, and in the 1960's, it was reportedly an urban area filled with young professionals and **Victorian** homes. However, due to new city plans, St. James Town built more high rise buildings. Now, St. James Town is known for being the **most densely populated neighbourhood** in Canada, with **many high-rise buildings**. There is very little greenspace. It is a low-income, multicultural neighbourhood with many immigrant families.



A Victorian home in St. James Town



Site Users

St. James Town is located in Toronto, Ontario. It is situated in the northeast corner of the downtown area. It has a large high-rise community. In fact, it is the largest in Canada. The people that reside in St. James Town are low income individuals or families. More than 40 per cent of the area's residents live in poverty. Also, half of the population identifies as immigrants. The St. James Town Growing Garden has a number of diverse amenities, which in turn gives all age groups, ethnicities, and people with disabilities something to enjoy!



Precedents (Entrance Area)

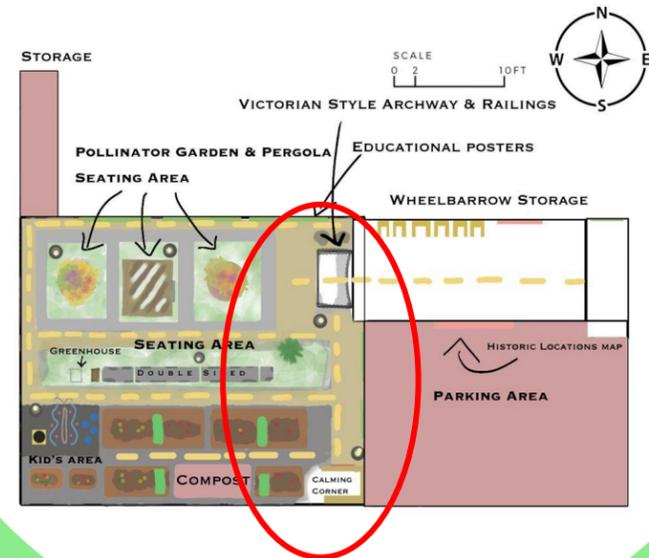


Wheelbarrows are stationary storage for items

Smooth pathway for members with mobile issues. Tactile paving for visually impaired..



Small water fountain in Calming Corner



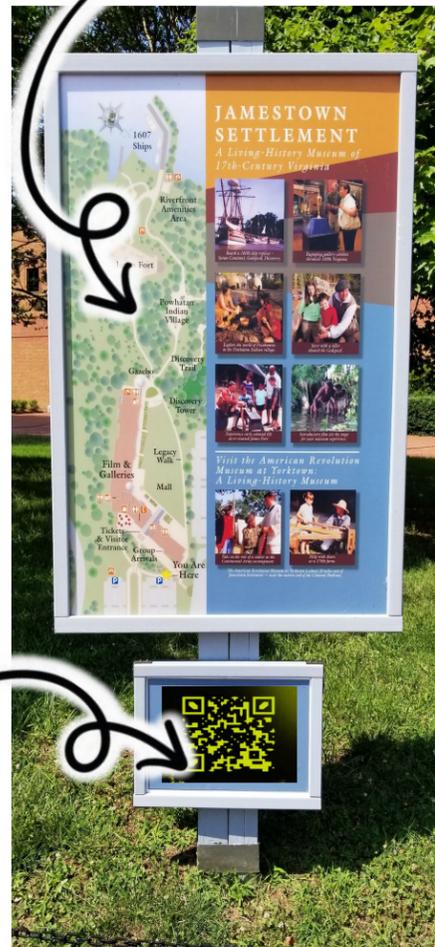
Land acknowledgement



Exercise equipment



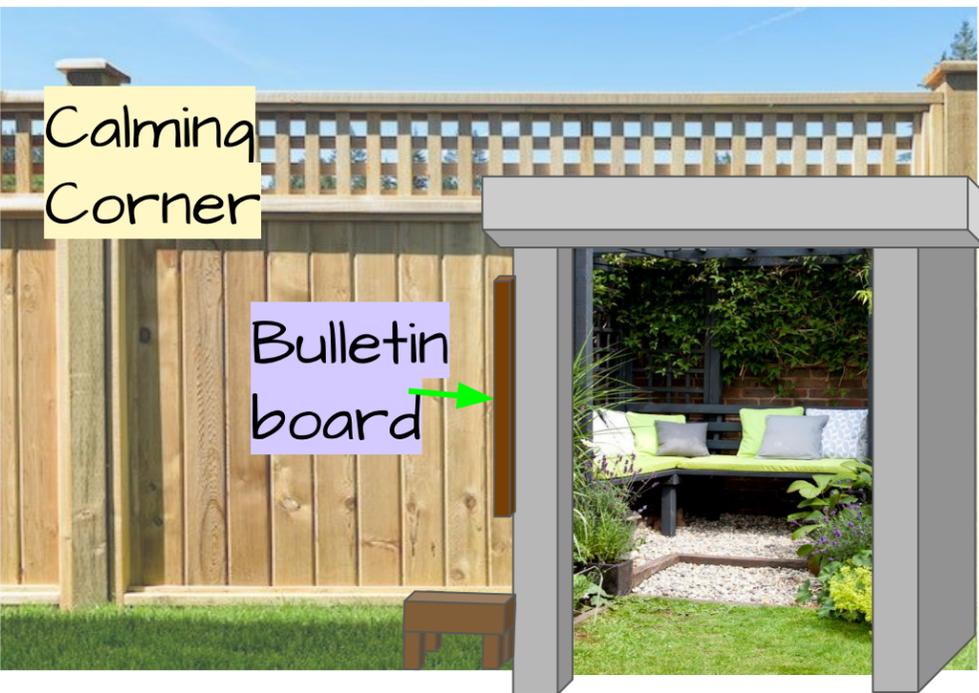
Map with Historical Landmarks around St Jamestown.



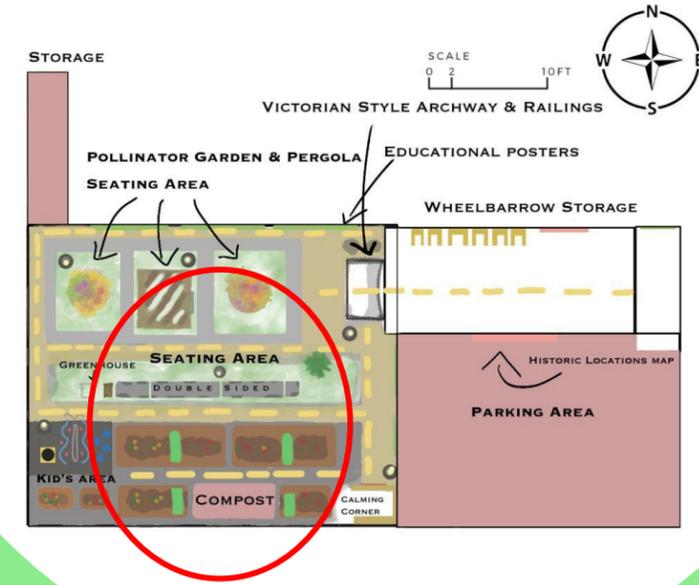
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Calming Corner

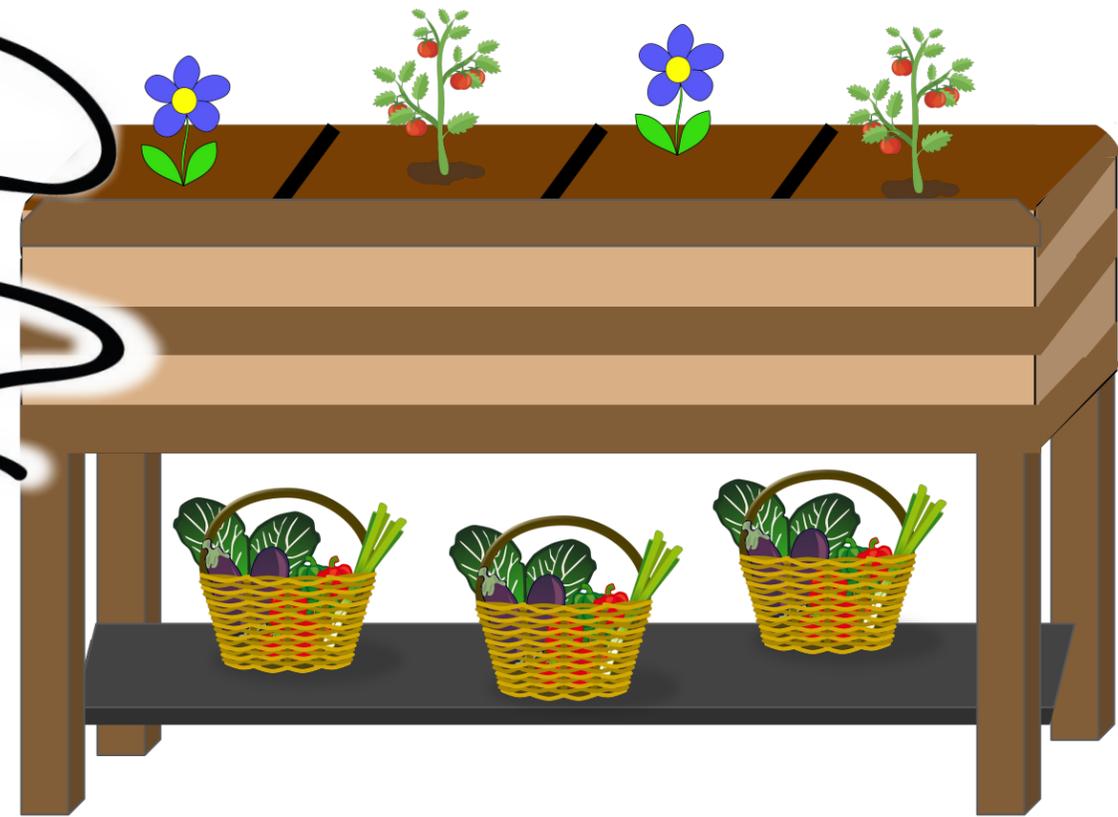
Bulletin board



Precedents (Middle Area)



Raised garden beds to prevent back problems. As well, the curved corners prevent corner injuries.



Winter Plants Section



Smelling Section

Precedents (Back Area)

The pergola and pollinator garden walkway area is designed for residents to stroll, relax, and learn.



Educational Posters

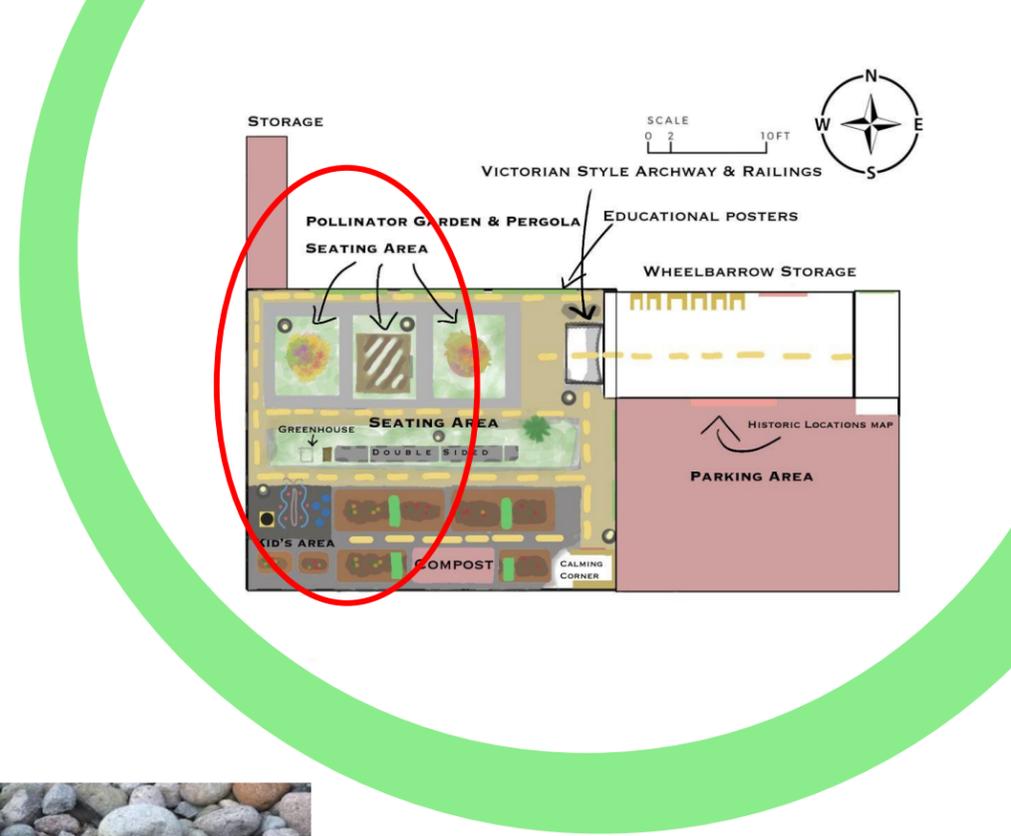
Pollinator garden with signs



Smooth walkway



Kid's area:
 -kids' planting area
 -painted rocks
 -fun floor patterns
 -trampoline



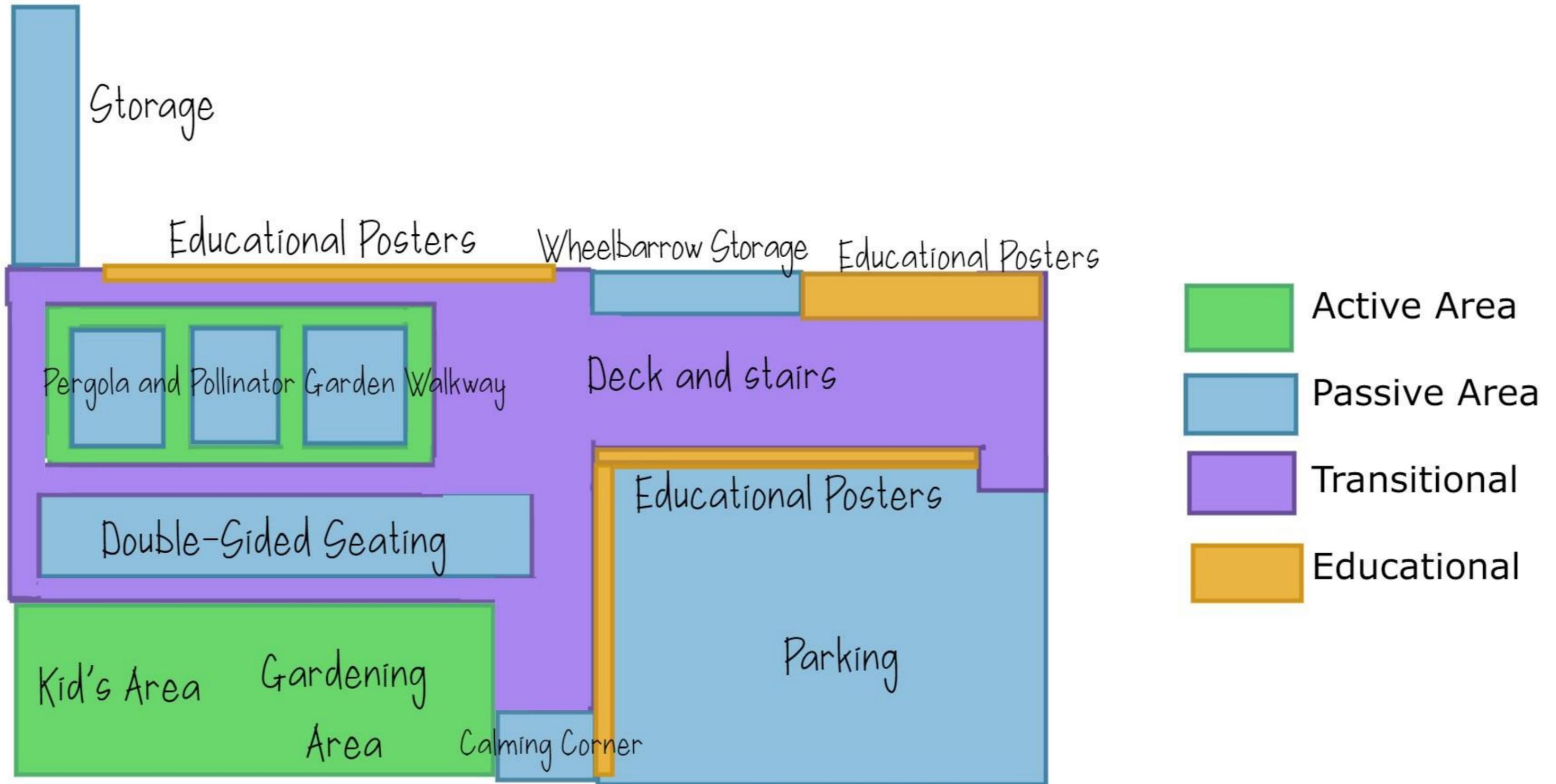
Small in-ground trampoline to promote active living



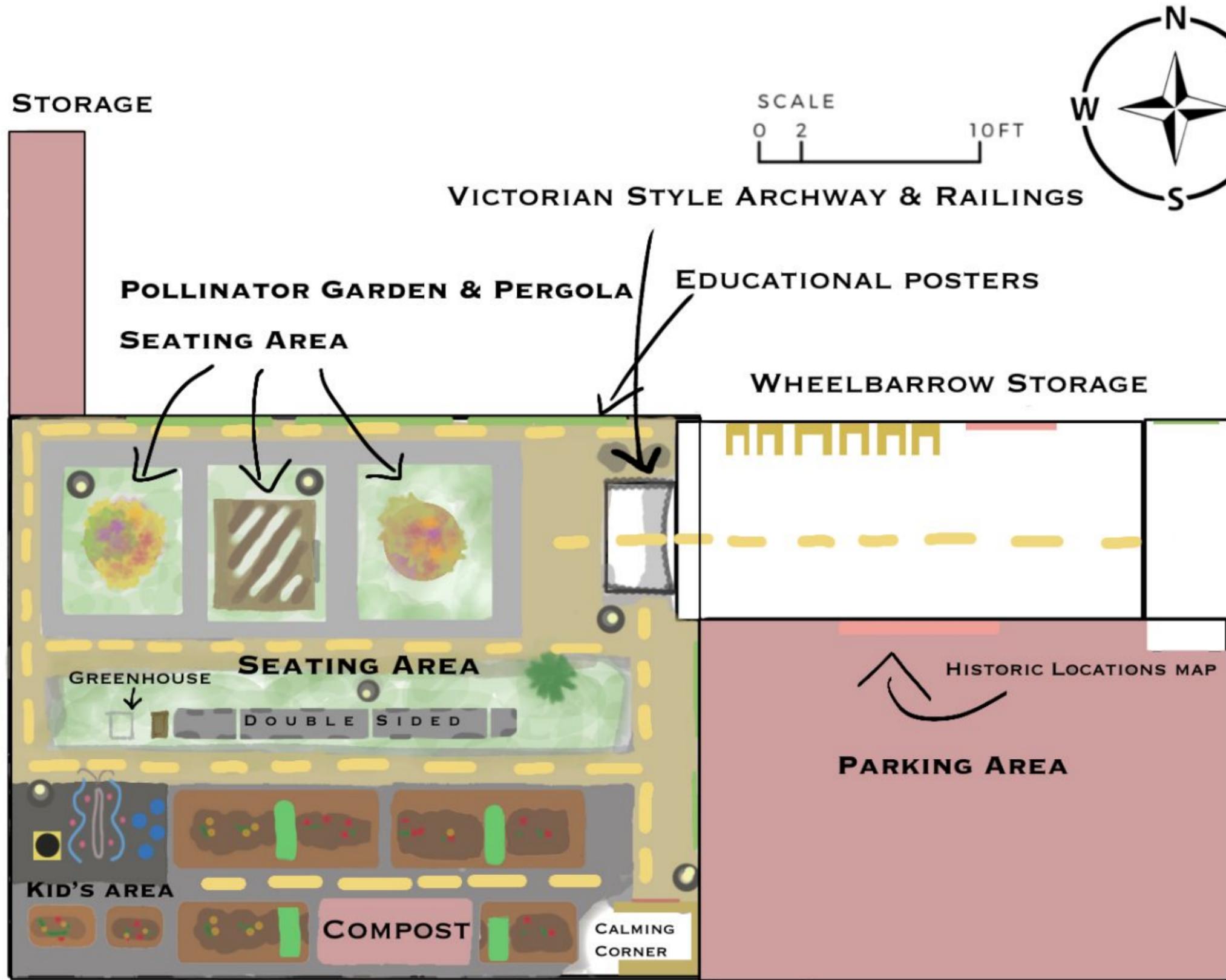
Rocks with Canadian animal prints



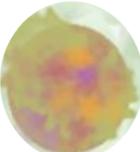
Program



Concept Plan



Legend:

-  Pathway/flow of the garden
-  Grass
-  Pollinator plants
-  Rubber pour floor
-  Wheelbarrows
-  Concrete floor
-  Lights
-  Dirt