

Edible Arboretum with fruits from regions around the globe



Trellises will connect and serve as portals



Berry Patch for canning, gleaning, and the joy of eating right off the bush



A place where children and adults can meet and play



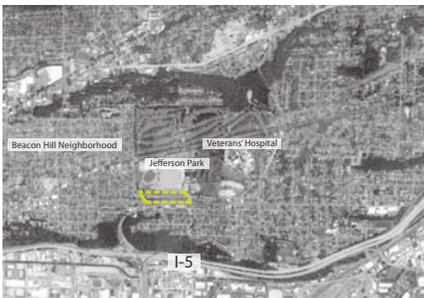
Nut Grove with trees that provide shade and sustenance



Community Gardens using the pea patch model where families can grow their own food



15th Ave S



Edible Urban Facts – Did you know?

- Yang Mei berries have been cultivated in China for at least 2000 years. They can be eaten fresh, dried as a fruit leather or canned. The juice is produced under the brand name of "Yumberry".
- A single female Kiwi vine can produce 50 to 100 pounds of fruit a year for 60 years.
- The fruit of the Medlar tastes like apple butter with notes of cinnamon and vanilla, delivered in a handy little package.
- The Beacon Food Forest is the first proposed public Food Forest and will serve as a model for the Pacific Northwest area.

A **Food Forest** is a production and land management system based on woodland ecosystems using fruit and nut trees and shrubs, herbs and vegetables. Food forests mimic the layers of a native forest ecosystem from the tall trees to the ground covers. This integrated approach to growing diverse foods in an interdependent ecosystem provides higher yields over time with less work.

A Permaculture **Tree Guild** is a group of "companion plants" that help trees to thrive, provide plant biodiversity, and build healthy soils. Example: a fruit tree guild will include edible plants and shrubs that attract beneficial insects, repel grass and predatory insects, and fix nitrogen.

The diversity of Seattle's **Beacon Hill community** is surpassed only in the variety and number of edible plants that thrive in this region. The goal of the Beacon Food Forest is to bring the community together around urban farming and land stewardship. The design of this seven acre site provides opportunities for cultural exchange, education, and recreation. The simple act of planting a garden can make real and lasting change to improve food access, promote healthy lifestyles, and connect neighbors.

BEACON FOOD FOREST

Jefferson Park, Seattle

Phase One, spring 2012 – First Harvest, fall 2012

