

## **Gardens Series Introduction**

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The aesthetic quality of a built environment can be significantly enhanced by the inclusion of educational and visual gardens. This series includes photos of several different gardens that are located within urban communities. Such gardens can be used for aesthetic display, education, cultivation and enjoyment of plants and other natural forms. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future gardens within your community.

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**Garden Definition:**

A public, parklike place, sometimes having displays of animals or plants.  
*(Webster's New World Dictionary and Thesaurus)*

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**Keywords:**

aesthetic beauty, connection between urban environment and nature, education, leisure, meditation, natural vegetation, social gathering and events, solace