

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the garden be located?

The garden will be located on Memorial crescent between Dallas rd and Bushby st, next to the Ross Bay Cemetery. The garden will be installed in stages. The first stage will hopefully be started this fall and will include the pink triangular area nearest Bushby st.

Will the garden affect my ocean view?

No, it will not. We will be using mostly short plants that grow to less than 3 ft tall. Twice yearly work-parties will be organized by the Garden volunteer coordinator at the FGCA. At these work parties, the few bushes that grow taller than 3ft such as ocean spray and snowberry, will be pruned to a manageable height so they won't impede views before the next work party.

Who oversees this garden?

The garden is managed by the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association at 1330 Fairfield rd. This garden will be managed by the Fairfield Community Gardens Volunteer Coordinator with input from residents and volunteers. The garden will be maintained through volunteer work parties. The garden is meant to be a perennial, native plant garden that is for and by the community.

How long is the garden going to be there?

The Ross Bay Native Plant Garden will be installed in 2024 and will be up for review every 5 years. Given that the garden is maintained in a proper manner and the community is for the garden, the garden will be renewed every 5 years until something changes.

Who can use the garden and how?

The garden can be used by anyone as long as they don't damage the potential future of any of the plants or path. Respect for the plants, area and other residents that use the garden should be considered whenever using the garden. The garden is to be used as a learning

space, where residents and students can come and learn about local native plants and how they evolve to thrive in this area with very little care.

Several of the plants will be edible and/or medicinal. Visitors are welcome to harvest any fruit that they are comfortable identifying. These will include, Salal berries, Strawberries, Serviceberries, Yarrow, nodding onion, and Oregon grape. The use of these plants will be taught at the twice-yearly maintenance garden parties to anyone who wishes to learn. There will also be signs identifying plants for garden visitors' use.