

POTHOLE GARDENS

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We are offering an alternate function as well as an alternate aesthetic to the vast asphalt networks that dominate our city. We are encouraging vegetable gardens to be tended along sidewalks, and native grass sprouts in gutters. We hope for inconvenienced car traffic and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian usage on the roads.

It strives to alter the proximate scenery and atmosphere, so that drivers will be inclined to slow or stop in order to view and experience the unlikely garden oasis. Pothole gardens reduce the sense of urgency and impatience associated with car traffic.

There are many opportunities in urban environments for pothole gardens to occur. By placing gardens in the midst of traffic and concrete, we are creating a situation in which an expository choice arises. When a driver approaches our humble and inconveniently placed gardens, we encourage that they ask, "Do I trample the nature that has found its way into my path, and carry on business as usual, or do I swerve from my habits, making a small but effective change to preserve this small gesture of an alternate urban environment?" We are proposing that our project is adopted and carried out in this city as well as others through the information provided on our website, in hopes that it will inspire wider-reaching changes.

