

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE GARDEN | EXISTING CONDITIONS

Installed in 2020, The Traditional Medicine Garden showcases plants that have been or are currently being used in Apache medicine, in the Hispanic healing tradition *Curanderosimo*, and by herbalists today.

Designed with the intention to offer new cross-cultural educational opportunities such as interpretive signage, online resources, and gathering space for small classes and workshops, the garden's development is still in progress.



Flooding

This area of the garden is occasionally flooded by storm water that enters from Virginia Street. The garden is already in conversation with the Town of Silver City to replace a diminished curb along Virginia Street. The garden is also consulting with local green infrastructure experts to install street side basins in order to utilize some of the storm water for plantings in a more controlled manner. Within the garden, a small terrace or short retaining wall could be added to further prevent flooding in the area.



Screening

A wire fence separates the garden from the property of a resident to the south. While vines are growing on the fence, the screening does not provide adequate privacy for either users of the garden or the neighbor. There is an opportunity to install more opaque screening while still allowing sufficient light for plant growth and visibility.



Seating

Finally, presently there is not enough space in the garden for a small group to gather, seated. The garden would like to host 8-10 people in an intimate setting for educational workshops.

