

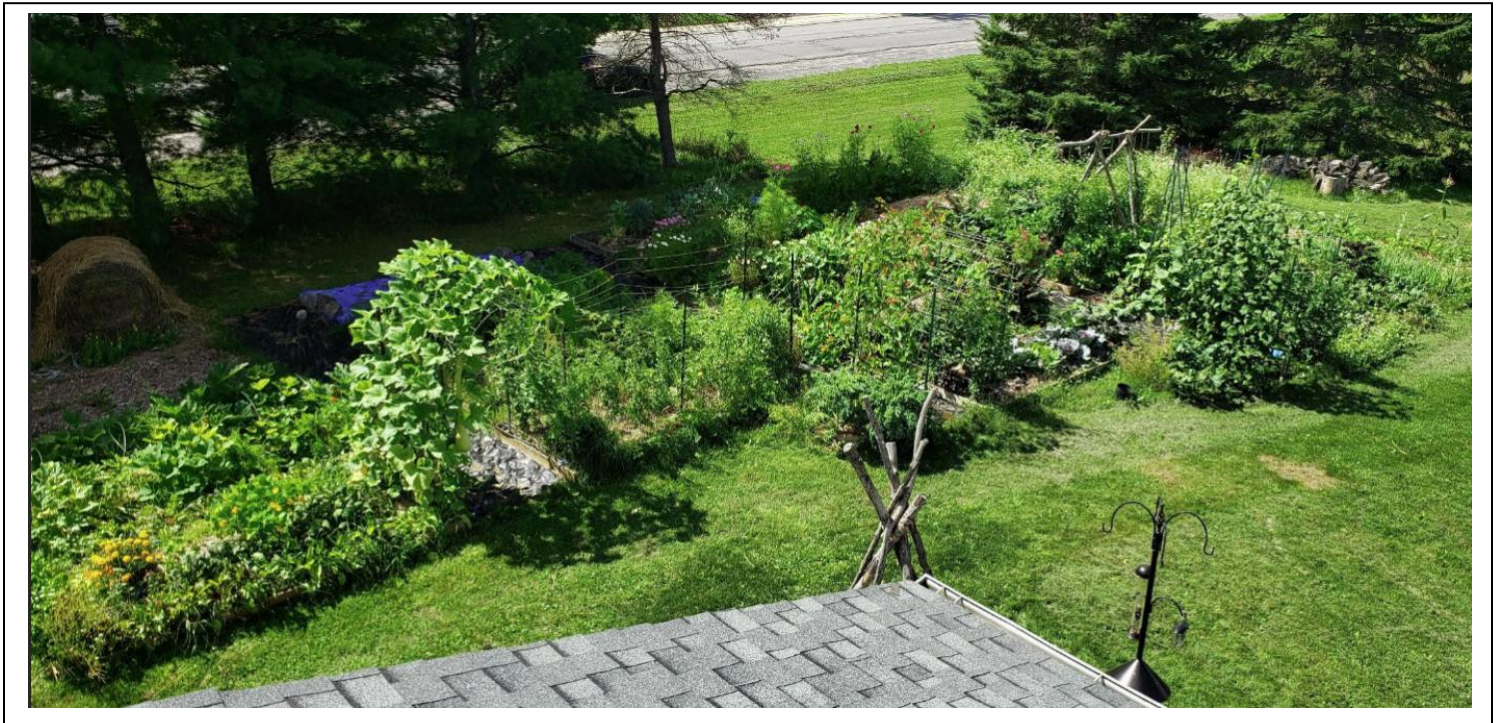
"Vegetable Garden Tour Hosted by: Margaret Coombs's daughter and husband Jackie and Steven Chachel

Date: Saturday, September 12, 10 am to noon

Address: 107 Julie Anne Crescent, CP

Our garden is a productive mix of conventional raised beds, long in-ground rows, and 16 raised hügelkultur beds, with flowers and herbs interplanted among a diverse and abundant range of vegetables.

We garden with an emphasis on organic methods, minimal tilling, deep mulching, and building biologically active, living soil, while encouraging pollinators, birds, and all the diverse organisms that contribute to a healthy garden ecosystem. The garden is also home to abundant mycelial activity, supported by decomposing woody organic matter in the hügelkultur beds and pathways inoculated with wine cap spores.



We are only in our third season with this garden, and it continues to evolve as we learn through observation and invest in our infrastructure. We follow a four-year crop rotation and are experimenting with cover crops, including tillage radish, to improve the soil structure and incorporate organic matter in our native clay soil.

As we head into fall, the garden is just past its peak, but it has been overwhelmingly productive throughout the spring and summer this year, and there is still plenty to see."

PS: Our CPDHS, OHA insurance policy does not cover these informal pop-up garden tours at members' homes. These tours are a personal invitation to a home or garden.