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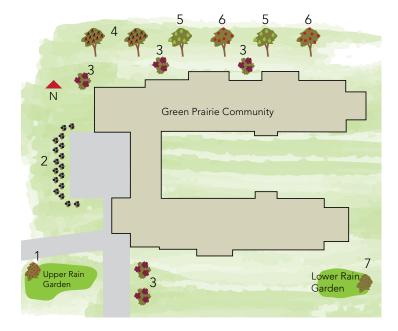
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GREEN PRAIRIE EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

Green Prairie Community is the newest residence hall at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and home to the first edible landscaping on campus. An edible landscape combines food-producing plants, shrubs, and trees in an aesthetically pleasing design that is productive and life-sustaining for humans, birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

What's growing at the Green Prairie Community?

- 1. Highbush Cranberry: Wentworth (Viburnum trilobum)
- 2. Glossy Black Chokeberry/Aronia Berry (Aronia melanocarpa elata)
- 3. Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry/Saskatoon/Juneberry (Amelanchier x grandiflora)
- 4. Cherries: Bali and Mesabi (Prunus)
- 5. Pears: Summer Crisp and Parker (Pyrus)
- Apples: Early Season Triple Play—a clump of three early blooming varieties: State Fair, Wealthy, and Zestar!®— and Honey Crisp (Malus)
- 7. American Hazelnut (Corylus americana)



Enhance the beauty and productivity of outdoor spaces

- Savor freshly picked, highly nutritious fruits
- Enjoy local, hardy varieties not available in stores



Additional Minnesota hardy perennials for your edible landscape

Apricots

Blueberries (need acidic soil)

Bunch Onions
Chives

Chokecherry French Tarragon

Currants Mint
Grapes Oregano
Hardy Kiwi Rhubarb
Plums Strawberries

Spice Currents Thyme

Things to consider when planting perennials

- Mature size of shrubs and trees.
- Some perennials grow vigorously, spread, and can dominate plantings
- Microclimate conditions—acidic versus alkaline soil, sun versus shade, moist versus dry.
- USDA hardiness zone for plant health and survival.
 Morris is in zone 4a. Find your zone at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov

Want more information?

Check out these books at your local library Edible Landscapes by Rosalind Creasy

The Edible Landscape: Creating a Beautiful and Bountiful Garden with Vegetables, Fruits, and Flowers by Emily Tepe

Explore these websites

Edible landscapes: rosalindcreasy.com Permaculture: pricoldclimate.org

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