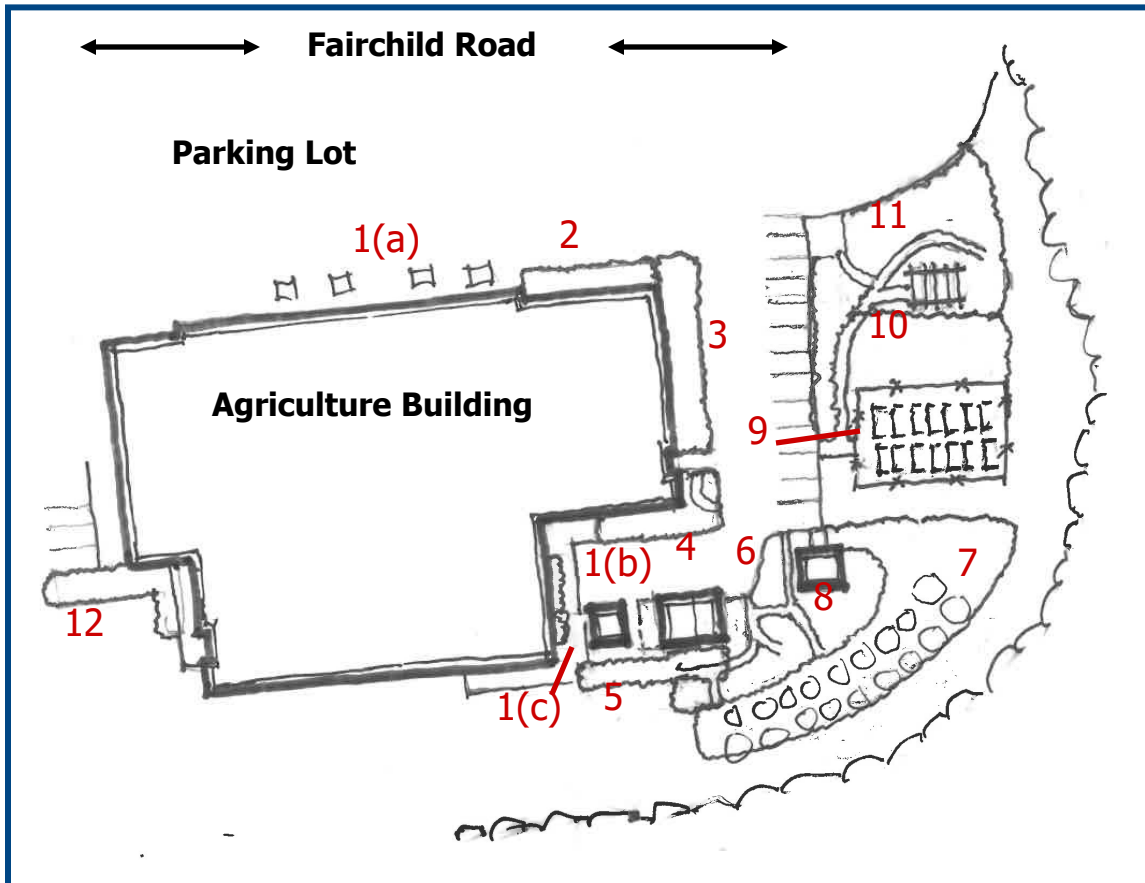


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The Demonstration Gardens are maintained with the help of Forsyth County Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers.

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The program is dedicated to developing excellence in volunteers through continuing education and community engagement.

Demonstration Gardens



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(1) Container Gardens

(a) Ornamentals

(b) Herbs

(c) Ability Garden

Gardening in containers is perfect for those with limited space. The secret is size: large containers give roots room to thrive. The containers in the front of the Extension Building are typically planted with annuals.

A variety of culinary herbs grow outside the Extension kitchen, and an Ability Garden, accessible for gardeners with limited mobility, is filled with vegetables.



(2) Perennial Garden

Perennial plants in shades of red, white, and blue return to this garden year after year. Conditions here range from sun to shade. Early spring blooms include *Hellebores*, *Amsonia*, and *Clematis armandii*. Sun-

loving salvias and coreopsis bloom in summer. Fall welcomes the cardinal flowers which provide fuel for migrating hummingbirds.

(3) Butterfly & Wildlife Garden

This garden is a designated Monarch Waystation. Both host and nectar plants attract and sustain the monarch butterfly migration. It provides shelter, water, and safety from predators. An abundance of five milkweed varieties, coneflowers, bee balm, phlox, and zinnias provide a smorgasbord of butterfly favorites.



(4) Tropical Garden

You can bring the tropics to North Carolina if you have the right garden environment. Here you will find the colorful foliage of cannas, the oversized leaves of palms and bananas, and the intensely fragrant flowers of the gingers. All create the illusion of an island vacation destination. The plants in this garden thrive in this south-facing, protected location.



(5) Rain Garden

Tucked behind the Master Gardener tool shed, this garden is designed to capture rainwater runoff from the parking area. A special porous foundation allows the area to absorb runoff. The native plants here can tolerate periodically wet conditions. Look for



pollinator-attracting buttonbush, the enormous Joe Pye weed, as well as cinnamon fern and fall-blooming pink turtlehead.

(6) Cut Flower Garden

Plants with long-lasting blooms are perfect for those who love to bring beautiful bouquets into their homes. A cutting garden is limited only by one's imagination and color preference. Flowering plants, annuals and perennials can fit this role in your garden. Except for the occasional deadheading, these plants are relatively easy to maintain. Look for *Helianthus*, *Gaillardia*, *Penstemon*, asters, and peonies.



(7) The Pawpaw Orchard

The collection of native pawpaw trees (*Asimina triloba*) is extensive with over 25 different varieties growing in the orchard. This native fruit tree grows from the East Coast to the Midwest and is a host plant for the rare and beautiful Zebra Swallowtail butterfly. The fruits of the pawpaw trees must be picked only after they ripen in late summer.



(8) Greenhouse

The Forsyth County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers start growing many of the vegetables and ornamental plants within the Demonstration Gardens right here in the greenhouse. Volunteers are knowledgeable in a number of propagation techniques and the greenhouse stays busy all year. The greenhouse is an indispensable addition to the horticulture efforts at Extension.



(9) Edible Garden

Blueberries, raspberries, grapes, apples, and a wide assortment of vegetables are produced in this demonstration of raised-bed and in-ground growing techniques. A drip irrigation system and an electrified fence to prevent animal damage ensure that produce is bountiful and grown efficiently. Pollinator plants in front of the vegetable garden attract beneficial insects.



(10) Patio & Arbor

This is a tranquil stop on your tour. Surrounded by maple, sassafras, and persimmon trees and festooned with American wisteria and honeysuckle vines, the patio gives one a view of the Demonstration Gardens while relaxing on the swing. Look for conifers, salvia, penstemon, cardinal flowers and beautyberry.



(11) Shade Garden

In the more shaded area you will find hostas, ferns, and the beautiful colored foliage of *Pulmonaria*, *Heuchera*, and Oakleaf hydrangea.



(12) Southwest/Xeric Garden

The visual delights of a high desert environment can be recreated with succulents, cacti, and yucca right here in the Piedmont of North Carolina. Plant material that is not hardy in our zone 7 climate is planted in movable containers for inside storage during the winter months. A variety of sedum and agave species are stars of this garden. While you're visiting the Southwest Garden, check out the kiwi trellis located across the parking lot. The trellis houses one female and two male vines.

