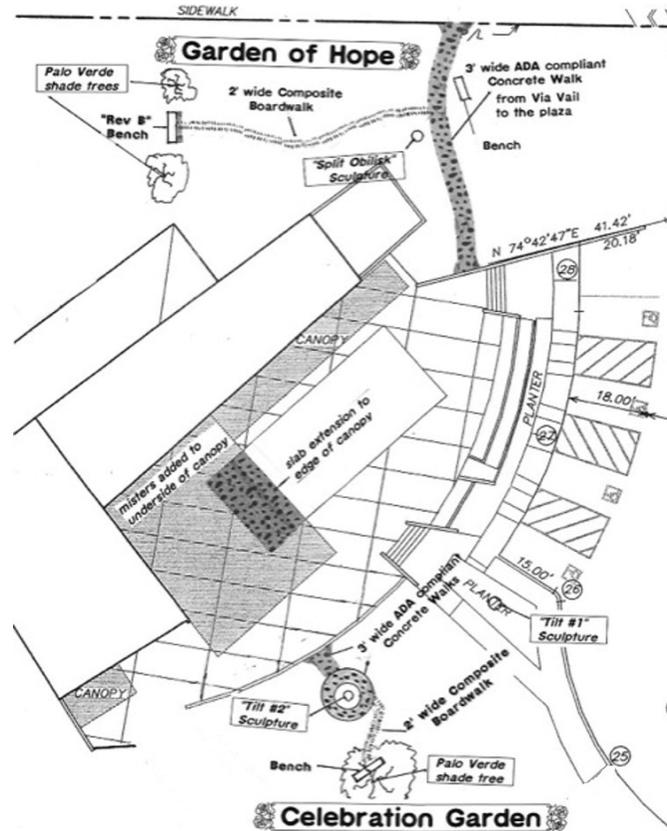


Sacred Grounds Phase 1 Projects

All elements of Phase 1 were approved by the Board in June 2021. The Sacred Grounds Reserve is likely sufficient to cover the cost of Phase 1.



Patio Expansion and Misters

Our initial proposals focused on the entrance plaza as a highly visible, high use, high impact area. A key was to expand the space for coffee hour and extend the outdoor season with misters.

Celebration Garden

Phase 1 also includes creation of a Celebration Garden, a new and much better location for the commemorative pavers that had been on the plaza. This Celebration Garden will circle the "Tilt #2" sculpture just off the plaza with an ADA sidewalk. This re-imagined treatment honors the commemorative pavers much more than the plaza location (where they were walked on). Further, a small path to a secluded bench under the massive Palo Verde provides a shaded quiet space for contemplation.

Additions to the pavers, now called Sacred Stones, will be a higher quality material with a much higher quality engraving. Sacred Stones can be purchased for any commemorative purchase, whether that be a celebration of life, marriage, birth, or anything else. For details on purchasing a Sacred Stone, contact <[mailto: admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org)>.

Native plantings and irrigation repairs may occur in a later phase.

Garden of Hope

Phase 1 also includes creation of the Garden of Hope. Envisioned as a place nurturing Hope, this includes a butterfly garden, a Little Library and areas for reflection. A sidewalk meanders around the “Split Obilisk” sculpture off the Community Room (with the crystal). The sidewalk will also provide a shorter stairs-free ADA sidewalk to parking on Via Vail, and a path will lead to the contemplative bench installed in honor of retired Reverend Barbara.

Phase 1 Summary

The approved Patio expansion, Celebration Garden and Garden of Hope, with associated sidewalks, paths and benches, match beautifully to the first concept in the Vision above. These provide great spaces for mediation and walking, and also for remembrance. The patio expansion meets the need for community by providing a larger space for the coffee hour and outdoor events.