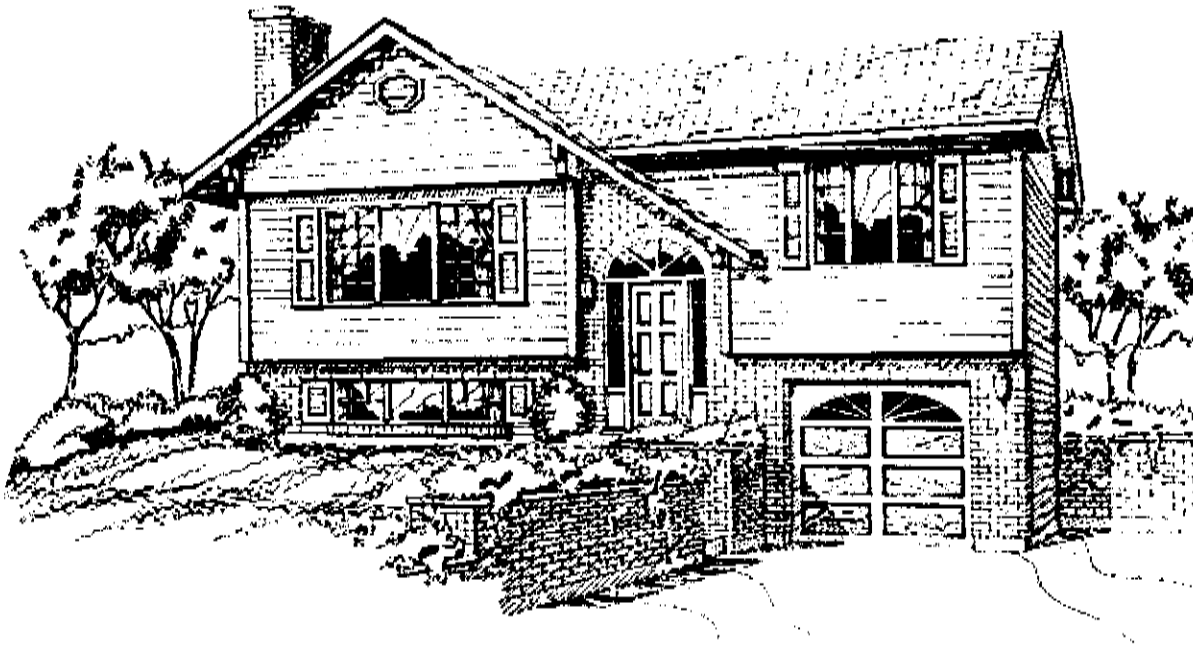


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Home Plan Specifications

Number of Bedrooms: 3

Number of Bathrooms: 1.0

Width of House: 38 feet

Depth of House: 25 feet

Total Living Area: 924 sq. ft.

Does not include Garage,
Covered Porch, Deck, Patio,
Storage square footage, Etc.

Garage Size: 1 car

1st Floor Ceiling
Height: 8'0"

**Foundation Type(s) Crawlspace
available for this plan: Basement**

Style of House: Saltbox

Exterior Finish: Combination

Exterior Wall Structure: 2x6 studs

Roof Framing: Truss

Primary Roof Pitch: 6:12

Roof Peak: 24 feet
from Front Door Floor Level

Roof Load: 42 p.s.f.

Pricing Information

1 Set of Blueprints: \$440.00

5 Sets of Blueprints: \$490.00

8 Sets of Blueprints: \$540.00

Reproducible Set: \$660.00

PDF File: \$660.00

Materials List: \$75.00

(Must order at least the
minimum offered set of
blueprints).

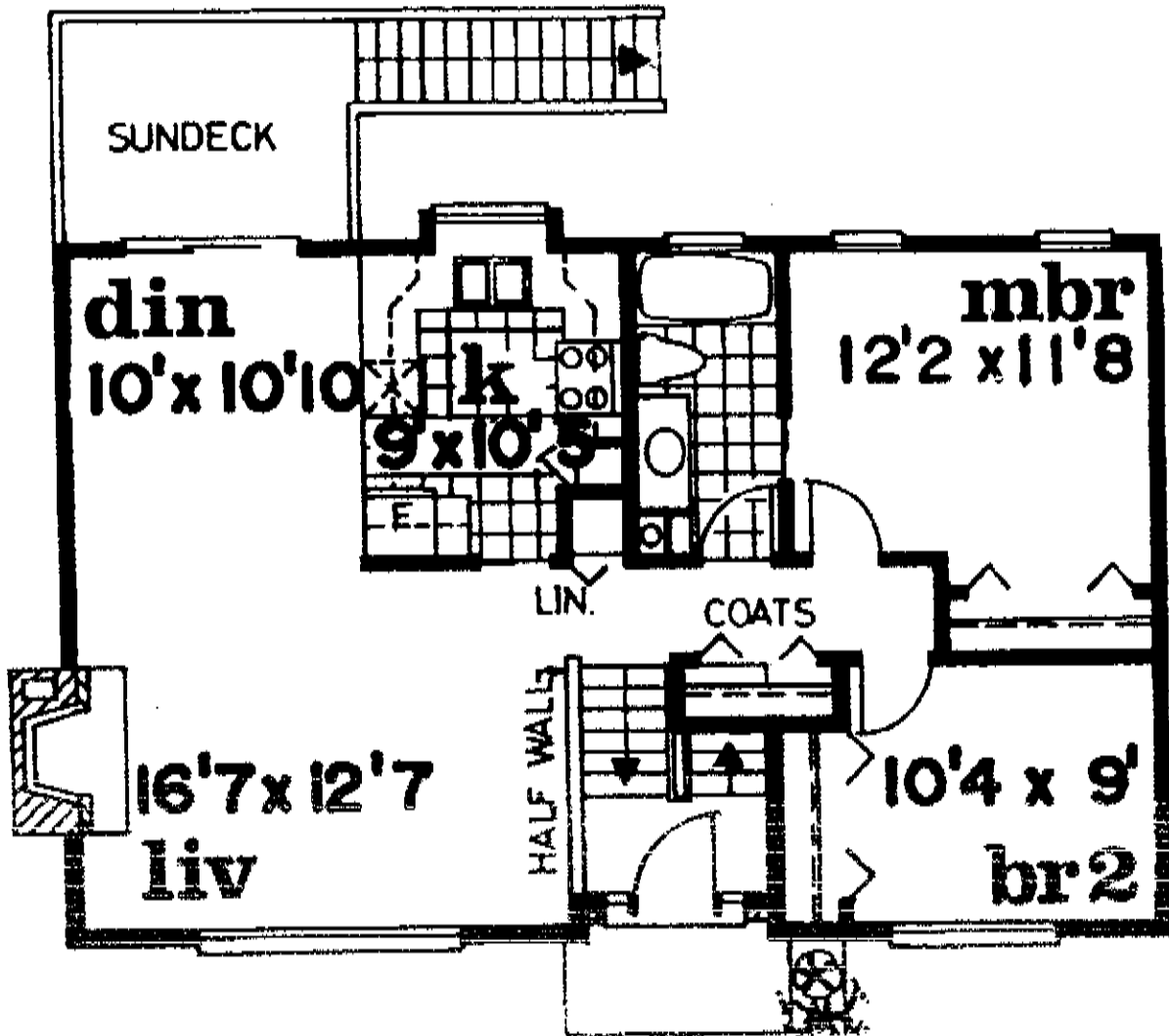
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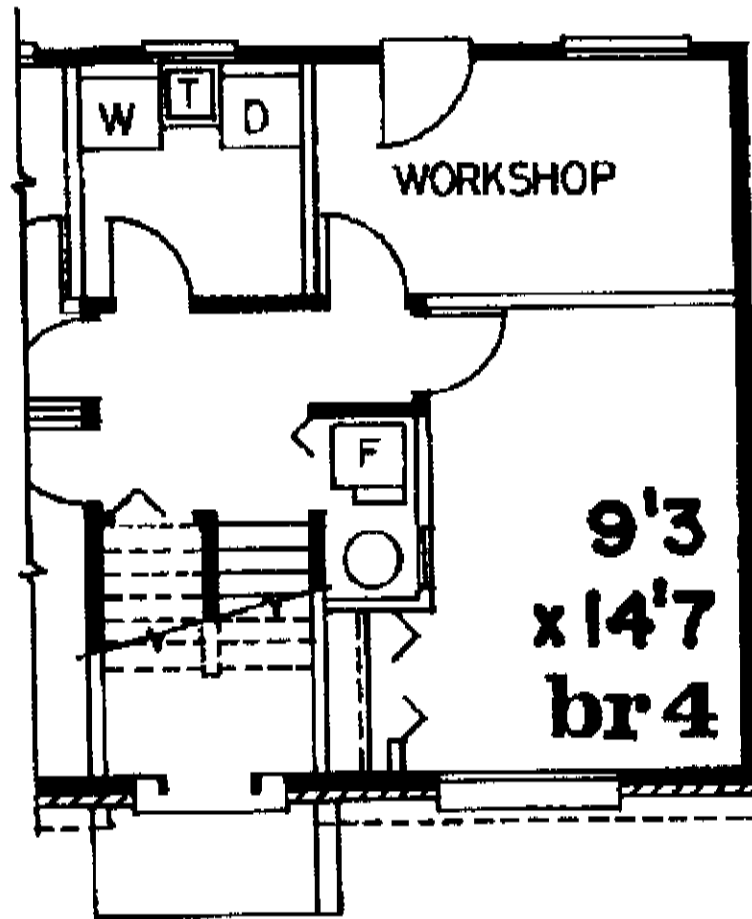
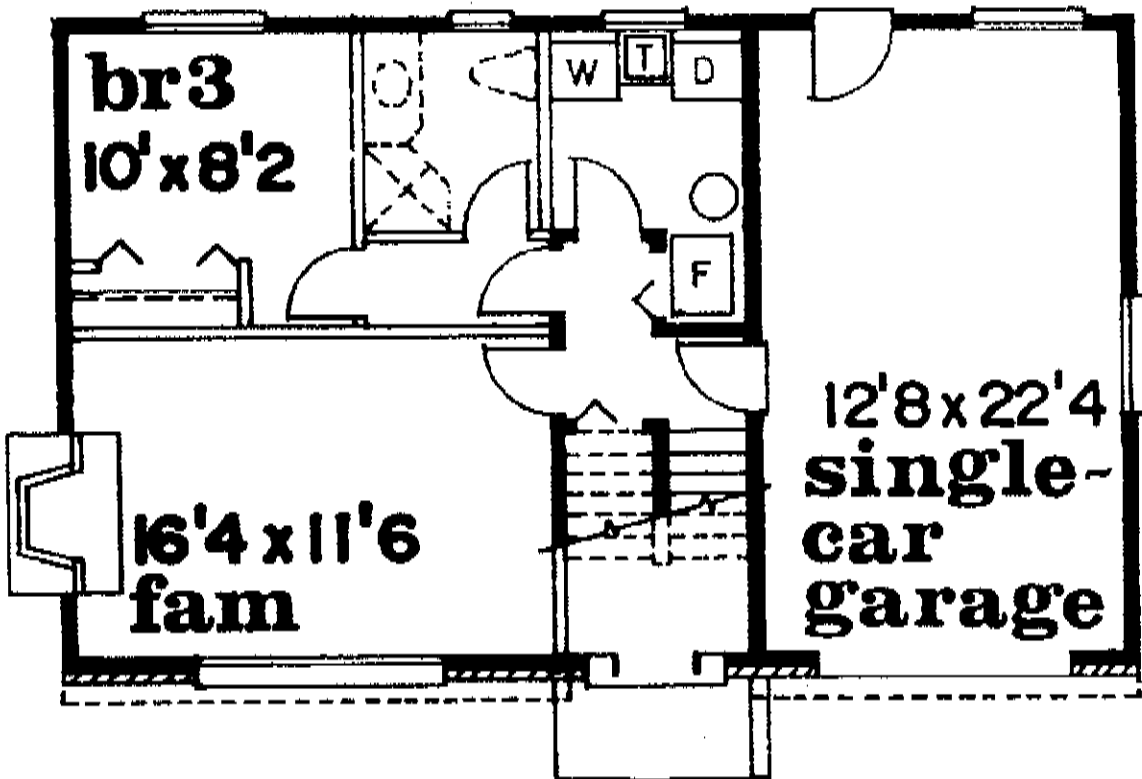
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Lemmon Avenue Community Garden

Action Plan

January 5, 2010

Introduction

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources and the Rapid City Police Department have been working with Lemmon Avenue residents since May of 2009 to address issues of importance in their neighborhood. During the summer of 2009, the house located at 706 Lemmon Avenue was identified by residents and Police Officers as a blighted, vacant home. NeighborWorks® DHR began working to purchase this property with Neighborhood Stabilization Program money with the idea of turning it into green space because it is in the flood zone. Since the purchase of this property in October, 2009, community outreach staff from NeighborWorks® DHR and the Police Officers working on this project have been talking with residents about a community garden and have received an extremely supportive response. Since then, planning has begun on how to bring a community garden to fruition.

The Benefits

There has been a lot of research done by various community garden organizations around the country and the research says community gardens have many benefits that span everything from improving the health of those it serves to reducing crime. The American Community Gardens Association lists the benefits of community gardens as follows:

- Improves the quality of life for people in the garden
- Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates Social Interaction
- Encourages Self-Reliance
- Beautifies Neighborhoods
- Produces Nutritious Food
- Reduces Family Food Budgets
- Conserves Resources
- Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduces Crime
- Preserves Green Space
- Creates income opportunities and economic development
- Reduces city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provides opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

As many people know, Lemmon Avenue is a high crime area and through talking with members of the Lemmon Avenue Block Club, much of the crime is attributed to kids walking through the area. When the Block Club started, many residents did not know each other and were unsure of who belonged in the neighborhood and who did not. While this is slowly getting better, a community garden will help people to get to know one another and realize who their neighbors are as well as giving them a common place to gather and talk about issues they believe are important. This will help to reduce the crime rate as suspicious people will be recognized and reported to Police Officers, thus leading toward the Lemmon Avenue Neighborhood being a safer, more enjoyable place to live.

The community garden will also have a benefit on the health benefits of residents. Many of the residents on Lemmon Avenue are Native American and this population has a high rate of diabetes because of unhealthy foods Americans are accustomed to eating. A community garden will allow these people to grow their own food. In return this leads to eating healthier and having a positive impact on grocery bills for the residents.

Preparation and Development

When NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources purchased the property at 706 Lemmon Avenue; the planning had already started to put a community garden in place of the house. The house has been demolished and fill dirt has been brought in to create a layer of topsoil more suitable for planting. The wood fence that was around the house is still on the site and will be reassembled around the garden. Plots will be measured out, labeled and assigned to individuals and families that are residents of Lemmon Avenue.

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources is also in the process of seeking out grants to help pay for tools, plants, and other materials needed for the garden.

The Plan

The plan for the community garden is to break the lot up into ten foot wide by twelve foot long plots. These plot sizes may be changed due to interest in the garden, space availability, and what the residents deem an appropriate size. There will also be a couple of plots that will be made special sizes for disabled residents that want a plot. The plots will also be handicap accessible.

In the beginning, NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources will manage the garden, helping to assign plots, make sure the garden is being cared for, and organizing aspects of the garden. As time progresses, the residents would take over these duties and it would be a totally resident run garden. The residents will also be asked to create a set of bylaws about the garden, for example what can and can not be grown there and when the garden must be winterized. Plots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

There are also plans being made to get donations of supplies (such as seeds, gardening tools, etc.) from local businesses. The idea is to have a shed on the property where residents can borrow tools to use in the garden, sort of a garden tool library. Donations of lighting will also be sought out so the garden will be lit at night.

20 ft off front
10 ft off back

Shed on front
Compost area
in front

27 plots total

