

# Client Interview sheet re: herb garden plans, May 2022

## Who are the clients?

*Name, ages, roles, etc*

Lumia and Dominik, 38 and 45, homesteaders & designers at Beyond Buckthorns homestead/permaculture project

## How do the clients feel about current arrangements?

*Overall layout, access, paths, structures, trees and plants, maintenance.*

## What is already working well?

Joined understanding that it is useful to have food and herbs that we use a lot close to the house and not only in the main garden (some 50 metres away).

The path to the composting area past the planned herb garden area.

The snow amounts from the roof in winter are not too bad.

## What clearly isn't?

The area is pretty much abandoned "prime property" not in any good use.

There are no herbs close to the house.

There is no connection to or between the other perennial bed & wild roses area under the oak tree

→ perhaps there is need for more designs after this

## What are client's needs and wants?

*Plants, animals, structure, tools, events, etc.*

## What are their currently unmet needs? (priorities)

Herbs & more food around the house.

More beauty around the house.

Something simple to demonstrate permaculture with.

## What are the client's values and vision?

Our overall vision at this homestead is to create not only a versatile and useful setting for ourselves, but also create different habitats for animals, plants and fungi.

The vision for this project is to have the space in good use in regards to the above overall vision, and to have herbs close to the house for everyday use.

Dominik would like to use 90% materials from the premises for this project, and only a tiny bit bought.

Lumia's vision:

To have a herb garden to...

- Bring a variety of herbs close to the door/kitchen
- Use an area in a prime space that is currently underused
- Create beauty in Zone 1
- Learn about herbs and
- Help the pollinators close to the house

Lumia would really enjoy a *herb spiral* as her herb garden, as with it she could also demonstrate permaculture in a tangible, simple way, as well as learn how to make the herb spiral so she can help others, too

### **What are their personal limiting factors?**

*What's stopping the client(s) from realising their vision?*

It needs to be done, otherwise no much limits!

### **What personal resources do you have?**

Various building materials, soil, time, interest, friends willing to help

### **What is their financial budget for the design?**

#### **Implementation:**

50 €

#### **Ongoing maintenance:**

10 € / year

### **Site-related questions**

*It could be really helpful to walk the site with the client(s) if possible when considering at least some of the following:*

#### **Length of time on site / how long they'd like to stay:**

Indefinitely

#### **Security on tenure – own or rent?**

Own

**Site security:**

Secure / secluded

**Boundaries – ownership and state of repair:**

Not applicable/status OK

**Right to way:**

Not applicable/ status OK

**Neighbours activities and relations:**

Currently some exchange: manure, tools, services – why not some herbs? Generally good, cordial fo friendly relationships.

**Regarding the area to be designed:****Energy sources and resources / underground utilities:**

Water gutter close by, good sunlight (half sunny)

**Energy or resource leaks:**

None identified

**Storages:**

Water storages for rainwater close by – small one 1 metre away, big (2m<sup>2</sup>) 10 metres away

**Unused yield:**

None identified. Any possible surplus can be shared and/or an stay put & benefit insects.  
Current partly unused yield of oak leaves that fall on the area can benefit the soil in the herb garden.

**Animals on site:**

Cat → cat litter box danger!

**Do they have photos of the site in other seasons?**

*List those extra questions here that you noted during your site survey*

**Site history**

(see main document)

**Locally available resources and services**

(see main document)

**Any planning issues?**

None

**What is their timescale for the design**

Spring 2022

**Personal details**

Nothing more to add.

**Anything else**

Nothing more to add.