

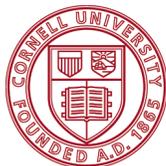
## Questions to Consider for a Long-Range Maintenance Plan

While formulating a maintenance plan, look down the road. This critical foresight will be much appreciated by those who take ownership of the program later on.

Look at the garden plan, and try to envision what the garden will look like in 5 or 10 years:

- What changes will have taken place in that time?
- What demands will these changes place on the caregivers?
- Will the garden contain structures, such as an arbor, pergola, fencing, or bridges that may need additional attention years later?
- Will the raised beds, water feature, or pathways possibly require repair in the future?
- Will garden signs need to be refreshed?
- Will you test the soil for toxins and chemicals?
- Who will plant, weed, water, and carry out the day-to-day maintenance?
- Are the same people involved now likely to be with the project in three years? For example, in a primary school, parents will move on with their children. How will you adjust your plans and be flexible in the future?

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