

Announcing the St Clare Garden

A GENEROUS DONATION TO TAU CENTER

by the estate of *Meg Summersgill*, sister of *Sr Pat Irr, OSF*, provided the opportunity for *Sharon Devo, Director* to propose the creation of a contemplative garden to provide space for Tau Center program offerings, in alignment with Meg's bequest, that could also be **designed for use by the Wheaton Franciscan Community**. With the enthusiastic support of the Regional Leadership Team, planning began in January 2021. As Project Manager, Sharon convened three collaborative teams; Project Team, Vision Circle and Event Planning Team.

Adjacent to Our Lady of Angels Motherhouse, the St Clare Garden will be a place of gathering and contemplation.

PROJECT TEAM

Jack DeRose, Ray Ward, S Glenna Czachor, OSF and *Sharon Devo* worked with *Hitchcock Landscape Architects* over eight months to determine the optimum site and create a design concept based on our needs. The Regional Leadership Team approved that concept in November, providing matching funds and budget parameters in December. Our team continues working together as **we move into the construction phase this Spring**.

VISION CIRCLE

S Pat Irr, S Glenna Czachor, S Gabriel Uhlein, OSF, S Arlene Arshack, IBVM, CC Shirley Justin-Wolff and *Sharon Devo* had their initial conversations in April 2021 and reconvened in February, 2022 to begin work together to design the artwork and overall ambiance. This phase of the project is just beginning and will first focus on **commissioning a piece that honors St Clare of Assisi**.

DEDICATION AND EVENT PLANNING TEAM

CC Jeanne Connolly, Melanie Teska and *Sharon Devo* began work together in February to begin initial planning for the **Garden Dedication**.

Next Steps for the St Clare Garden Project

APRIL 22, 2022 – EARTH DAY BLESSING OF THE GARDEN GROUNDS

Collaboration with JPIC, Charism & Mission, Liturgy, Building & Grounds and Tau Center

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Construction of Hardscape/Planting
Building & Grounds and Tau Center

OCTOBER 2, 2022

St Clare Garden Dedication
Charism & Mission, Liturgy and Tau Center

FALL 2022/SPRING 2023

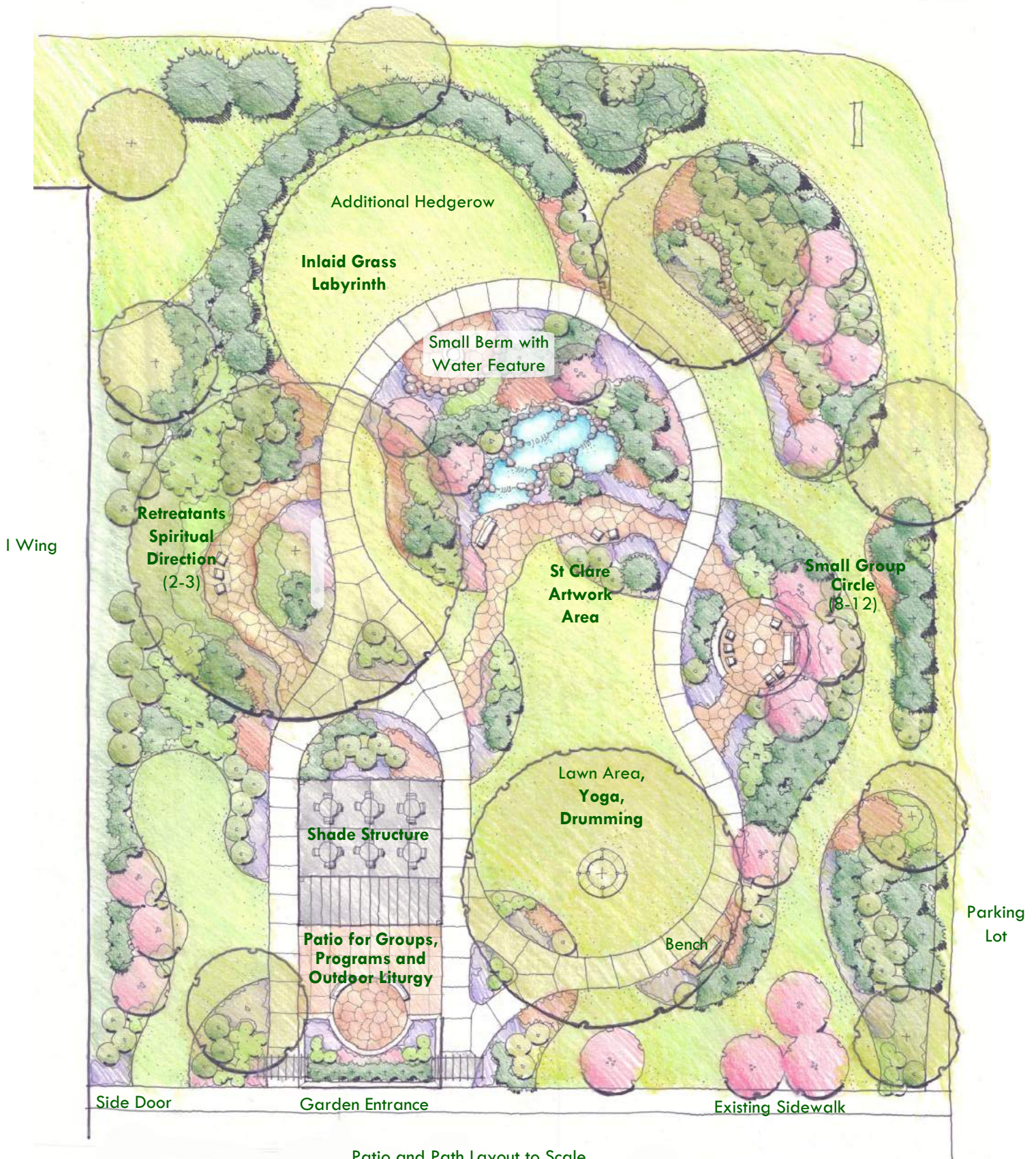
Commission St Clare Artwork/Planting
Vision Circle, Building & Grounds and Tau Center

AUGUST 2023

Dedication of St Clare Artwork
Charism & Mission, Liturgy and Vision Circle

FALL 2023 – Tau Center Open House





Patio and Path Layout to Scale
Planting Beds to be Refined