Among the Sierra Nevada, CA / Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902)
The Kitanemuk tribe in what is now Tejon Ranch, California - Angela Lozada, Maria Garcia, and Juana Encinas picking gooseberries
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, formal lawn, hidden vegetable garden
Victory Gardeners in Los Angeles

Figure 49. Victory gardening where lawn used to be in an apartment courtyard.
London Victory Garden in bomb crater
Victory Garden movement
The cities will be part of the country; I shall live 30 miles from my office in one direction, under a pine tree; my secretary will live 30 miles away from it too, in the other direction, under another pine tree. We shall both have our own car. We shall use up tires, wear out road surfaces and gears, consume oil and gasoline. All of which will necessitate a great deal of work. . . enough for all.

—Le Corbusier, *The Radiant City* (1935)
the making of Lakewood, California - 1940’s
aerial view of the American Dream
crops in the desert southwest
ONE-roomed Native American wigwam

Poles were stripped of their bark and bent and tied into a basket-like frame.

Beds were used for sitting during the day.

Inside fire was used for heat.

Storage shelves were built above the beds.

Entrance

Outside fire was used for cooking.

Inside fire was used for heat.

Entrance

Outside poles platform porch used when cooking.

Cedar bark was overlapped as siding.

Open 2' x 2' smoke hole.

Large sewn birch bark strips were overlapped on roof and tied to the frame.
TWO-roomed American hall and parlor house
FOUR-roomed early American colonial house
typical contemporary American developer house
depictions of the American Dream
electoral map from the 2004 United States presidential election
Los Angeles...
...or New Jersey?
most lawns are inhabited only when they are being tended
A life support system of cheap chemicals, water and oil......
none are welcome
The American Front Lawn
today’s American Dream
English Estate
#1 - Salina, Kansas - 2005 {Salina Art Center}

#2 - Lakewood California - 2006 {Machine Project}

#3 - Maplewood, New Jersey - 2007 {Garden Supply}

#4 - London, England - 2007 {Tate Modern}

#5 - Austin, Texas - 2008 {Arthouse}

#6 - Baltimore, Maryland - 2008 {Contemporary Museum Baltimore}

Descanso Public Demonstration Garden - 2008 {Descanso Gardens}
Edible Estate #01
Stan and Priti Cox residence

Salina, Kansas
Central U.S. regional prototype
712 Custer Street / Salina, Kansas / pre-Edible Estate
July 4th weekend, 2005
the layout includes a hill for plants and a space for people
712 Custer Street / Salina, Kansas / as the Midwestern Edible Estate prototype
A seating area is enclosed by apple, plum and other deciduous fruit trees.
Information is available to explain the transformation to the puzzled neighbors.
Edible Estate #02
Foti Residence

Lakewood, California
Southwest regional prototype
Lakewood, California built all at once in the 1950’s on a sugar beet plantation.
1950's & the birth of the suburban front lawn as we know it today in Lakewood
2006...the Foti family is ready to reconsider their front yard!
over Memorial Day Weekend, three days of hard labor, removing the lawn, tilling and amending the soil, laying out the design, planting and mulching...
Michael, Jennifer, Cecilia & June Foti in front of their new garden
on June 24th, 2006, a month after planting, the garden is already filled out and producing food
an inviting curving design welcomes visitors into the middle of the garden
on June 24th, 2006 the foti’s stand in their garden. neighbors are puzzled, amused, impressed, concerned, curious, supportive....
by July, the garden has reached it's peak, and the Foti's are trying to keep up
the Edible Estate now feeds the Foti's {and their neighbors} attracting bees, birds, and butterflies previously unseen on the street.
the diversity of the new garden is a stark contrast to the unhealthy monoculture of one plant species that it replaced
Edible Estates #2: Lakewood, CA / informational brochure
Edible Estates temporary L.A. headquarters & workshop at Machine Project
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Edible Estates #4: London, England / 2007 / commissioned by the Tate Modern
harvest party
the garden has transformed the unused land into a neighborhood attraction
the neighborhood children are often working in the garden
new steel edging is installed!
One year later.....June 30th, 2008
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Edible Estates Temporary London HQ
Tate Modern Turbine Hall / Global Cities / June 19 - August 27, 2007
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volunteers help to plant and mulch / July 8th, 2007
Planting just completed / July 8th, 2007
Michelle, Chris & Atticus Christman-Wei in their new garden 1 month later
July 6th, 2007
A volunteer team of Edible Estate friends turns over all of the sod by hand
A grid of 15 three foot square raised beds will contain a diversity of herbs & veg
A series of arbors will eventually be covered with grape vines
Black cedar mulch and red coir are used to block weeds & retain water
The front garden is a vivid contrast with the surrounding lawns.
On the left side of the path are fruit trees & vines, on the right are herbs & veg
before...
...and one month later
Edible Estates Regional Prototype Garden #5: Austin, TX
Sierra Ridge apartment complex - established March 14 - 16, 2008
covering grass with newspaper, laying retaining logs for paths
almost 100 local volunteers and 30 resident children showed up to help over the
the eager resident children who helped build & plant the garden
after the planting - March 16, 2008
How to Eat Austin - weekly workshops on growing food in Central Texas in the Sundown Schoolhouse geodesic tent at Arthouse
Planting with local volunteers / April 13th, 2008
Preliminary sketch of the garden plan
Planting with local volunteers / April 13th, 2008
Planting with local volunteers / April 13th, 2008
Edible Estate #6: Baltimore, Maryland - 2008
EDIBLE ESTATES: ATTACK ON THE FRONT LAWN

A project by Fritz Haeg
