Photos of the garden from Oct 2021 (before my work):

Area was overgrown with weeds and littered with debris.







Some photos showing results of my work:



Weed abatement for prairie restoration: I cleared the vast majority of the ~6' weeds shown in previous photos by hand (and scythe) with the help of local farmer and prairie specialist Nate Kemperman. Most of this area was going to be replaced with native prairie. Nate was one of three local prairie specialists who came to the property to assist with planning.



Mulch and wood frame: City regulations require prairie to be planted 4' away from structures. Prairie restoration specialists suggested wood chips and 4x4s to be wetted prior to control burning to protect infrastructure. I arranged for (and loaded/unloaded) ~6 loads of mulch to be brought in to surround the garden and shed, and purchased many of the 4x4s for the project.



Painted signs: The owner of Lockwood Cafe suggested I make signs around the garden where needed. Here is one of the signs a friend and I painted. I arranged to have the large water catchment in the background of the photo hauled to the property (and helped haul it).

This photo was taken March 2022, just before spring planting (including garden and prairie plants).



The President of SHEPH and I met regularly to discuss plans. I gave suggestions to SHEPH, however they chose most of the plants to be planted. Other community members became involved at times, and were usually connected to me through the owner of Lockwood.

I was removed from the project shortly after this photo was taken.