Cornell Cooperative Extension Cornell Garden-Based Learning



Leader Handout: Mind Map Model: Systems Thinking in the Garden

Leaders: Use this example to show the complex interactions among elements in the garden and as a model for participants to create their own Systems Thinking in the Garden Mind Map. Based upon their brainstorming and observation results, each group will have variations of this version. Observations of garden elements may include plants, soil, water, compost bin, animals, weather, etc.

Opening questions: What does Systems Thinking look like in the garden? Observe the different elements in the garden. What is their place within the whole system, and how do they interact/influence each other? How do people and Climate Change affect all the elements?

