Asset Mapping Worksheet

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1. As a small group, choose a project or activity to map (in this case, the project will be your community garden project).
2. List the assets (skills, resources) that each member of the group can bring to the community garden project. In other words, what assets do members *of this group possess?* Below are some questions you could ask as you work to discover these assets.

People (interview or informal conversation setting):

- What are your talents? What are your interests or hobbies? What do you enjoy doing? What can you teach others?
- How would you like to be involved in the community garden?
- What skills, talents, resources, materials, or supplies could you share to support the community garden effort?
- What groups or networks are you a part of?
- What are the positive things you see in the community? What changes would you like to see take place in the community?

Organizations (based your own research):

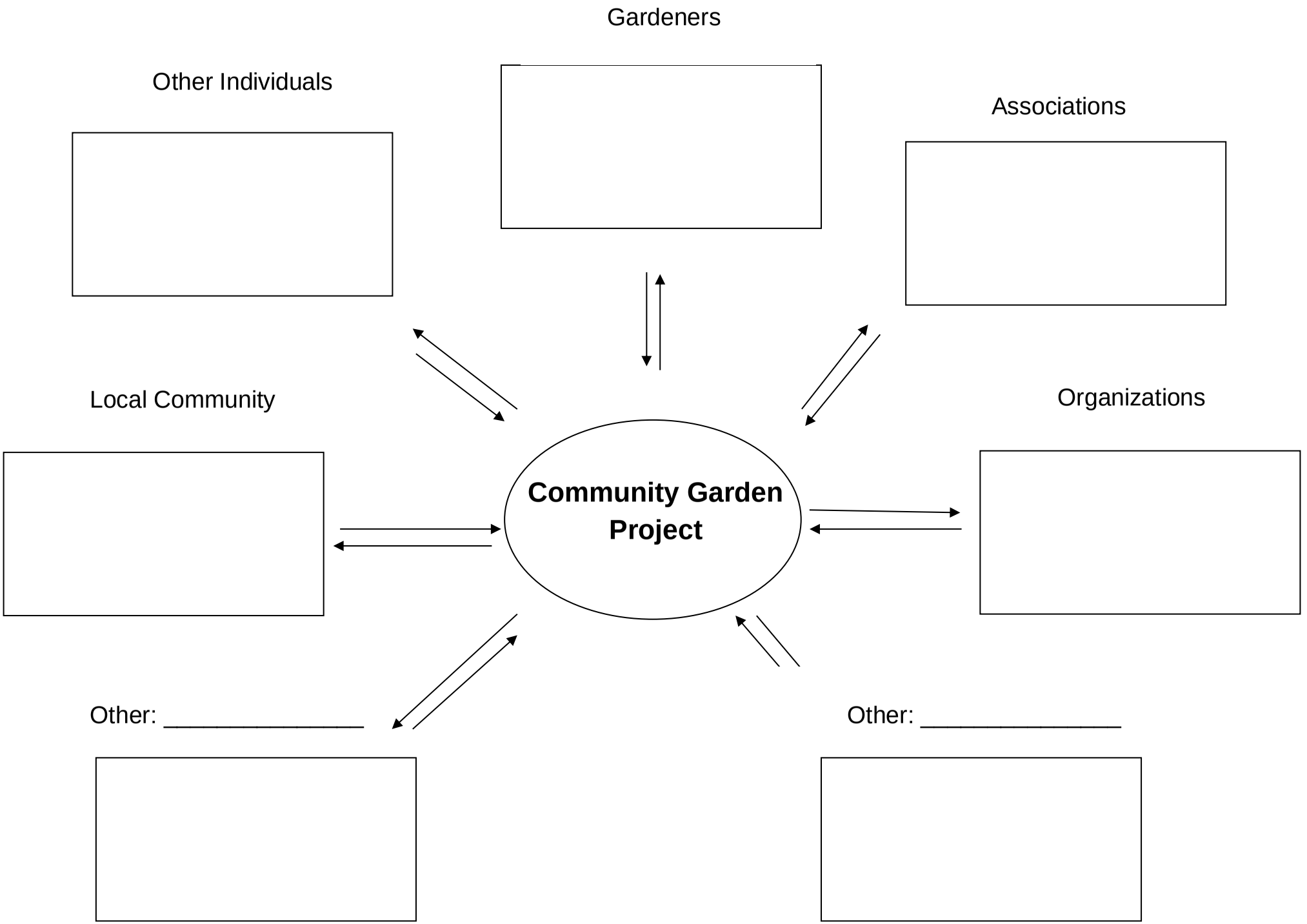
- What local organizations and businesses exist within the community?
- What are the various missions or purposes of these organizations/businesses?
- Who do they work with or partner with?

- How can these organizations serve as potential partners for the community garden?

Community:

- What community traditions can be preserved through the community garden?
- How can community members be connected to their culture through the use of the community garden?
- What arts or crafts can be created or supported in the garden effort?

3. Use the diagram on the next page (or one that is similar) to map the assets and relationships you have discovered.


Gardeners
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Local Community
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Community Garden Project
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