



Climate Garden 2085

Handbook for a Public Experiment

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- Climate gardens enable the experience of climate change's consequences at a local or regional level
- Climate gardens as an experiment add a personal and emotional dimension to abstract climate scenarios
- The book provides a practical guide to the creation of climate gardens

Global climate change is a frequently and controversially discussed topic. Yet apart from natural disasters which tend to be interpreted in any number of ways to serve vastly differing interests, it has so far hardly been a tangible phenomenon in our day-to-day lives. The Climate Garden experiment enables the experience of climate change's consequences firsthand: it shows how the vegetation of a place might change in the future, what we may be eating, and what our gardens might look like. The experiment is conducted based on detailed climate scenarios that can be translated to different locations around the globe.

This new book serves as a manual for the implementation of such a public experiment at a local or regional level anywhere in the world. Contributions by human geographers, art historians, and ecologists are complemented by a practical step-by-step guide to creating a climate garden. It provides a tool for private and public institutions to tell their own story and in particular to add a personal and emotional dimension to the largely abstract climate scenarios we usually learn about in the media.

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