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## **Elkhart City Center Park** *A.C.E. Garden*

### **THE GARDEN...**

The complex, original design of this garden utilizes the most varieties of plants of any garden on the tour. Flat leaf parsley lays an emerald carpet. The corner dovetail patterns are filled with vibrant Safari Marigolds, while Blue Danube Ageratum forms the large blue E's in opposite corners. Red Sunstorm Vinca fills the large hearts surrounded by Dusty Miller. Lush Fantasy Blue Petunias show off well in this garden. Note the large center pinwheel, it holds the only ornamental pepper used on the tour, Chilly Chili.

### **THE INSPIRATION...**

A talented trio of Elkhart City employees really "aced" it when they designed this garden featuring symbols representing Elkhart. The corner hearts represent "The City with a Heart." The large blue "E's" in opposite corners stand for Elkhart, while the blue and white, red and yellow color scheme pays tribute to the city's two high schools. So why the name? Adam, Craig and Emily are the clever threesome who came up with the garden design--they also planted and tend it.

### **THE FACTS...**

- There are 4.32 plants per square foot in this garden.
- This "A.C.E." design is one of 11 original designs on the 2009 Quilt Gardens Tour<sup>SM</sup>

## THE FLOWERS...



### **3,600 Flat Leaf Parsley**

*A bright green, biennial herb commonly used in Middle Eastern, European and American cooking.*



### **864 Safari Orange Marigolds**

*Carnation-like double flowers appear early in the season and measure up to three inches across.*



### **576 Blue Danube Ageratums**

*Dainty, feathery and delightfully fragrant they are a popular bedding plant.*



### **432 Safari Yellow Marigolds**

*A marigold that combines two sought-after qualities, earliness to bloom and large flower size.*



### **432 Fantasy Blue Petunias**

*The "Fantasy" series is considerably more compact than other petunias exhibiting a mounded habit.*



### **384 Silver Lace Dusty Millers**

*With its silvery lacy leaves, Dusty Miller makes a good backdrop to brightly colored plants.*



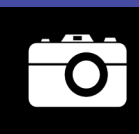
### **384 Sunstorm Red Vincas**

*A self-branching variety that tolerates both cool early season temperatures and late summer heat.*



### **240 Chilly Chili Ornamental Peppers**

*Pest and disease resistant with showy foliage, this ornamental bears edible, but very hot fruit.*



*This unique design is best captured at an angle from its lowest point facing the city skyline.*

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