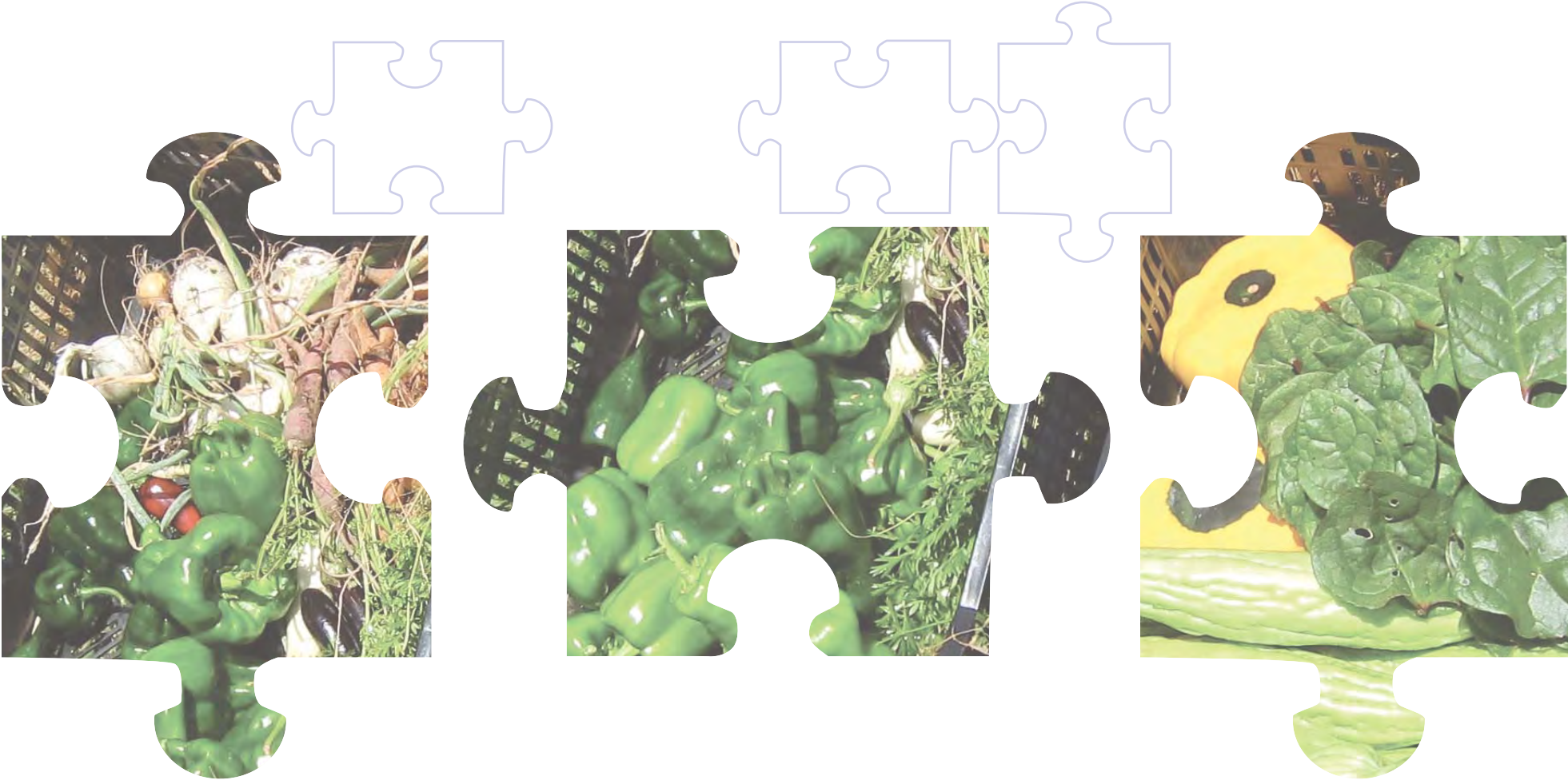
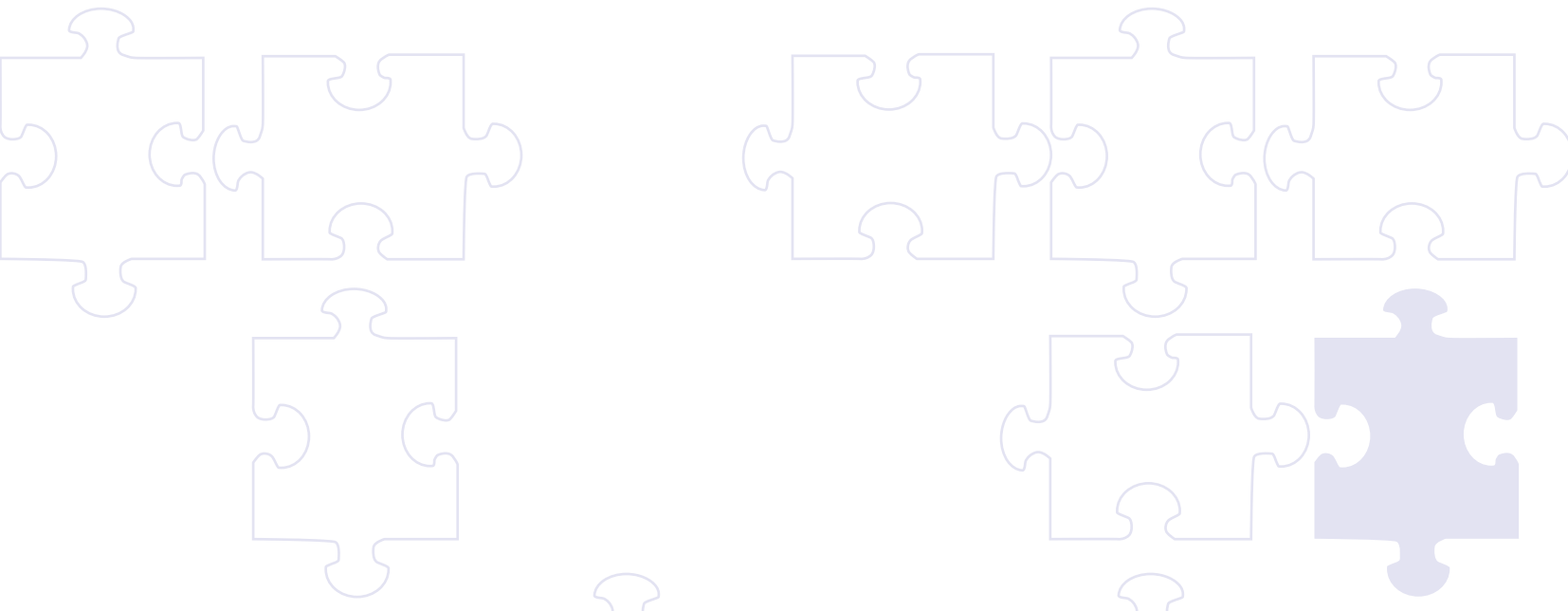


Community Based Design with a Particular Focus on the Inclusion of **Individuals with Autism**



How can school gardens be integrated into an institution housing individuals with autism spectrum disorder?

I intend to create a set of guidelines to be used in designing a **vegetable garden** and **developing a garden curriculum**. This thesis will emphasize the importance of nature and plants to people and the need for it to be included holistically through gardening and education. Through case-studies, literature reviews, interviews and observations I will interpret and analyze the need for and the relationships between gardening and an autistic population.



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