Hi friends! My name is Diane and I’m the author of the book *One Little Lot; The 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden*, and if you haven’t noticed, I actually am sitting in my own urban garden. And it’s part of the Soo Line Community Garden in the wonderful Whittier neighborhood of Minneapolis.

So, let’s get started with the book! Friends, does this look like a place where you would be able to find tomatoes, and kale and all sorts of yummy vegetables? I don’t think so either! Let’s see what happens!

*One Little Lot; The 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden.*

Every day the city is abuzz … as silent strangers hurry by without a glance.

One little lot sits abandoned in the hustle and bustle. Hungry honeybees buzz about, searching for flowers to pollinate. Until …

Two helping hands push open the rickety, rusted fence. A visitor imagines what could be. Passersby stop to talk. Maybe, just maybe, they all say.

Three long days are spent together—prodding, pulling, and preparing. Old tires and broken bicycles are rolled away. Empty bottles are bagged up. One little lot is ready for what’s next.
Four planter boxes are installed in a straight, lovely line. Like magic they are built from weathered wood and shiny screws. Hungry honeybees buzz around helping hands. Five big bags of soil get emptied and edged into place. One little lot is rich with black gold. Worms wriggle around in this composted dirt. Be careful with the rakes!

Six plentiful seed packets are opened and shared. Neighbors sit side by side and gently tuck each seed into its new home. Grow seeds, grow!

Seven showers pour over each sprouting seedling. Thousands of drops of water make the garden’s journey possible. Soon rangy roots begin to stretch down, down.

Eight rows line each planter box. Lush leaves reach up, up toward the shimmering sun. Hungry honeybees buzz about pollinating many flowers, until …

Nine prized plants burst into a beautiful bounty! Neighbors pick … beans, bok choy, carrots, kale, cucumbers, tomatoes, kittley, collard greens, and peppers.

Ten newfound friends clean and chop and peel. Together they cook and grill and saute. Hungry honeybees buzz above scrumptious smells, until …

One little lot is full of delicious! Community dinner, all are welcome!
Every day the city is abuzz as busy gardeners make a beeline to their one little lot. The end.

And friends, just in case you noticed, these yummy tomatoes just like our friends in the book harvested. Mmmmm! Thank you! Bye!