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Cultivating Community: The Growth of D.C.'s Food Forests



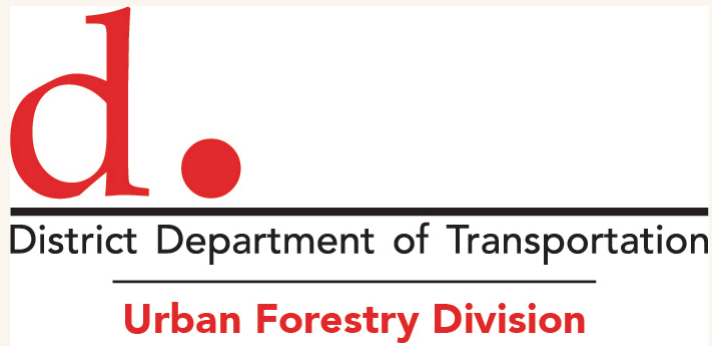
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Overview

Why food
forests

Getting
Started

What and
where

Partners

Lessons
learned

Land acknowledgement

Chicago and DC



About our Program



- Our structure
 - Operations
 - Non-operations
- How does the food forest fit in within our program
 - Partners
 - Outreach
 - Increasing canopy



What is a food forest?



What are the goals of food forests

- Innovation
- Community involvement
- Education
- Partnerships
- Food security
- Biodiversity



History of food forests in DC

- Experimental orchard
- Why did we start?
- How has the program grown thus far?



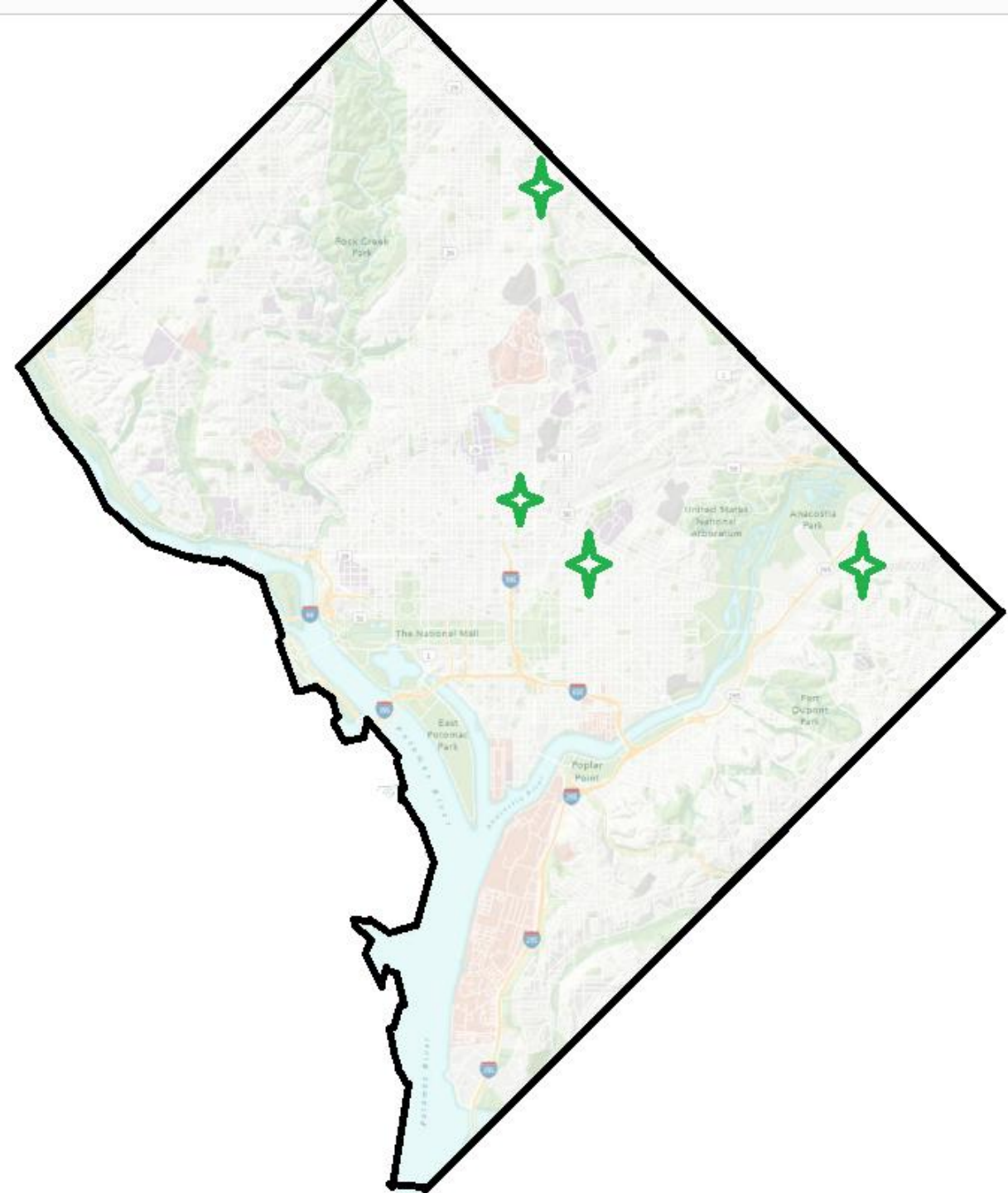
Funding

- Where was our funding source?
 - Forest Service, Chesapeake Bay Program
- Who obtained the funding?
- Where did the funding go?



Where are our current food forests?

- Langley Elementary
- Capital City Public Charter School
- Lederer Environmental Educational Center (DPR)
- Capitol Hill Montessori School



Getting started: the process and establishment

- Why were the food forests locations chosen?
- What was the school input?
- What was the community input?



Langley Elementary

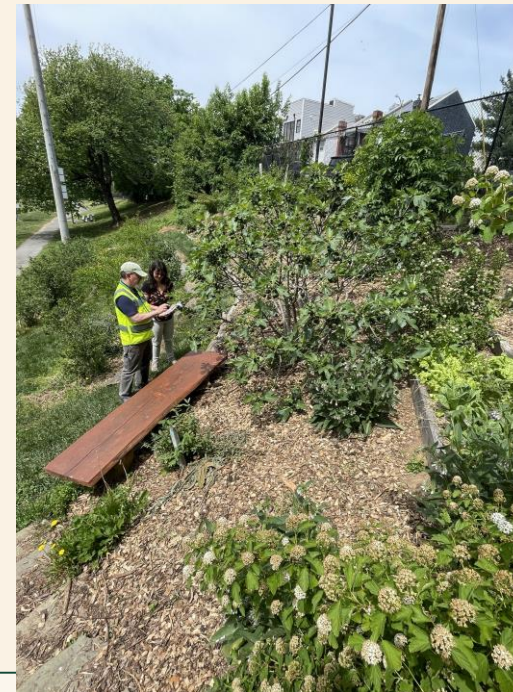
- Community involvement
- Rec-center
- Proximity to school



Langley Elementary



- Interpretation
- Waste-wood re-use
- Outreach



Capitol City Public Charter School

- Curriculum integration
- School gardener



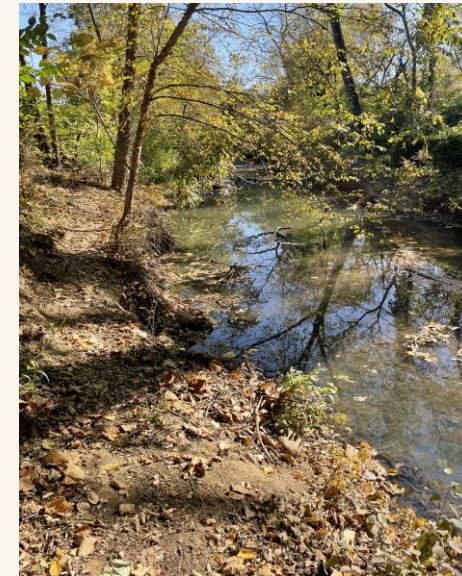
Capitol City Public Charter School

- Internal and external access
- Farmer's market



Lederer Environmental Education Center

- Apiculture
- Urban wood re-use
- Riparian zone part of design with access to stream



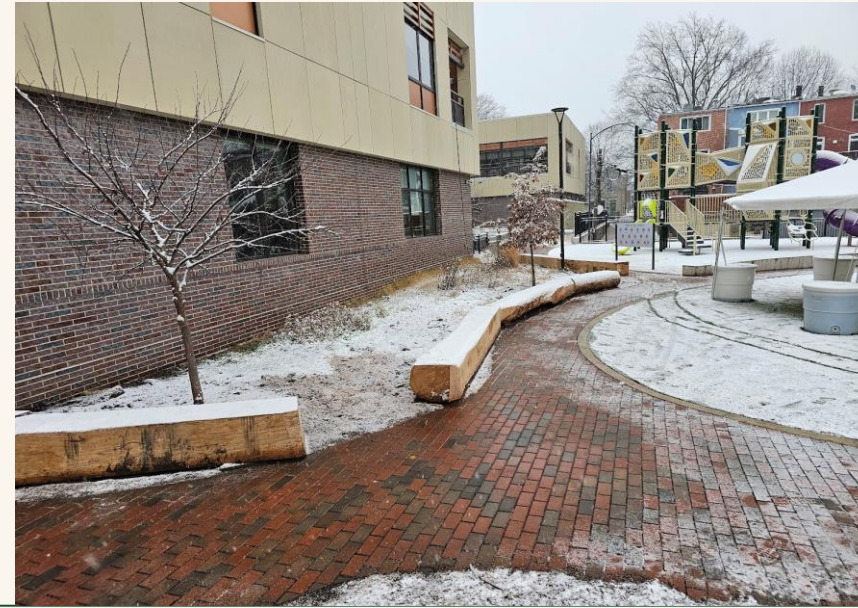
Lederer Environmental Education Center

- Access to bike trail
- Proximity to senior living
- Proximity to existing community garden



Capitol Montessori

- High level of community involvement
- Innovation



Lessons learned thus far

- Maintenance
- Establishment
- Continuity
- Design must be adaptable
- Visibility/Access



How do we build community and trust?

- Education
- Participation
- Access
- Partners and connection!
 - Schools
 - Community groups
 - Contractor
 - Festivals
 - Federal Government
 - Other DC Gov Departments



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Thank you!

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