GROWING PAINS: BROWNFIELD REUSE AND CREATING NEW FOOD CONNECTIONS
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Communities Applying for Groundwork Program
Groundwork Trusts established

Lewiston – Auburn
Fall River – New Bedford (MA)
Providence (RI)
Bridgeport (CT)
Hudson Valley (NY)
Elizabeth (NJ)

Los Angeles
San Diego

Milwaukee
Detroit
Buffalo
Cincinnati
Chattanooga
Atlanta
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Dallas
New Orleans
Doña Ana County
Richmond
Wyoming County

KEY
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FEDERAL INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF GWUSA NETWORK

Interagency Agreement

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NPS matches funding with TA + program mgmt.

Groundwork USA

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

New + Existing GW Trust organizations

Local government + broad-based community partnerships
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

TIPS FOR GOING GREEN:
- Ride your bike
- Take Metro instead of a car
- Turn off lights when you leave
- Use a reusable water bottle
- Bring your own bag
- Create a rain garden
- Plant vegetables

GROUNDWORK TRUST ANACOSTIA RIVER
DC
Deanwood Learning Garden
on Sheriff Road

Deanwood's community gathering place
The Deanwood Learning Garden was a project that stemmed from Alison Mears' Urban Communities class at Parsons The New School of Design. The project was a part of the 2011 Solar Decathlon where participating schools built solar homes as demonstration models. Parsons decided to While participating in the Decathlon, the class also agreed to work with Groundwork Anacostia to design the learning garden. The students have designed the park and are currently in the process of building it.
WARD 7: DEANWOOD

History:
- One of Northeast’s oldest neighborhoods
- Most houses date back to the early 20th century
- Was the home to Suburban Gardens, an African American amusement park during a time of racial segregation.

Today:
- close-knit community
- lower-middle class families
- "high crime" neighborhood

An Urban-Nature Transformation
New Hiker/Biker Trail Links Local Trails
by Virginia Annelle Spatz

Inter-organizational collaboration can be tough as the two try to share resources, budgets, and make decisions to get together. On Sep 13, though, over 400 participants joined together in Fort Totten Park to participate in an inter-organizational effort that transformed the park and nearby trail.

The DC Building Industry Association (DCBIA), the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and Groundwork Anacostia River DC, the National Park Service (NPS) and a host of volunteers transformed an area covering the equivalent of five city blocks. Reportedly, the area was completely cleared of trash and a re-vegetation plan began. A community garden was created. Follow-up signs were installed. Finally — most impressively — all accounts were settled with the help of community members volunteering to build and maintain the new trail.

Event Day
Each year for 17 years, DCBIA has organized a “Community Improvement Day” project, an annual collaboration of volunteers from the building trades working together with community members to design, plan and implement a project. The year’s project — which begins with the abandoned pool at Fort Totten Park — brought together DPR, Groundwork and NPS for months of planning. Other government agencies, schools and neighborhood groups contributed.

DCBIA began envisioning the trail back in 2012, when the trail was only about 100 feet wide. In 2012, the trail was just a path with the community asking for more assistance. The work was only a break from a full方向盘-

A Lasting Transformation
Dennis Chestnut, a lifelong Hillbrook resident, has seen the urban-nature relationship in the area change over the decades.

“A transformation started when Lady Bird Johnson created the urban park between Minnesota Avenue and 44th Street along Watts Branch...then the Fort Circle Trail at Fort Mahan in the 70s and, and just a couple of years ago, the Marvin Gaye Park trail project.”

Finally, hundreds of volunteers helped create the trail linking Fort Circle and Marvin Gaye Park trails. “Over $300,000 was leveraged to make this happen...and it did not cost the citizens of Washington, DC one cent.”

Between the signs, the trail extension and the improved sightlines, neighbors say, passersby appear to be noticing historic and natural resources they’d previously overlooked. Chestnut and his wife, Zandra, watched neighborhood children climbing the new mounds after the event, happily exclaiming, “These are going to stay here!” On November 14, Groundwork Anacostia River DC will put the finishing touch on what was achieved with NPS, DPR, and DCBIA by planting 25 trees in partnership with Casey Trees. Volunteers are needed to help plant these trees. All are encouraged to celebrate the new park and trail.
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Groundbreaking Celebration: June 18, 2011 at 11am
HOW TO BUILD RAISED GARDEN BEDS FOR SMALL SPACE GARDENING

How to build a raised garden bed, which tools, material and skills needed. How much does it cost. A model raised bed will be constructed on site.
BUILDING RAISED GARDEN BEDS

- Which tools
- Materials
- Skills needed
- How much does it cost
CONTAINERS OF ALL TYPES AND SIZES

Small Space gardening can be done on patios and other small areas using a variety of containers including:

- Canvass bags
- Buckets
- Clay and Ceramic pots
- Wooden boxes
- and
- many more .....
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