



GREEN SPACES FOR DC

Partners for Smart Growth

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MISSION

To ensure that Washington, DC has an inspiring parks and green space system.



HISTORY

We discovered that many DC residents love their parks and want to take care of them but the bureaucracy they encountered to make it happen was overwhelming.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Goal ~ Fostering “Friends of Groups” through organizational development, capacity building, technical assistance and fundraising for park improvements through:
 - Hosting Friends Group Alliance meetings
 - Convening capacity building workshops
 - Creating a network of partners to enhance outreach and education
 - Providing fundraising and design assistance

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Goal ~ Advancing park and green space improvements through facilitating implementation of the Capital Space Plan.
 - Coordinating with Capital Space partners (e.g. DC Parks and Recreation, Office of Planning, Department of the Environment, Department of Transportation, National Capital Planning Commission and National Park Service)
 - Facilitating partnerships between public agencies and the community





GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Goal ~ Advocating for quality parks and green space through independent research, measurement and performance reporting.
 - Testifying at DC City Council Hearings and events related to green space
 - Researching and promoting innovative programs that improve park management, maintenance, administration and usage.





Organizing & Planning Skills
Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers
Business Acumen
Political & Social Savvy

Visionary Leaders

Fundraising
Time and Labor
Technical Skills

Inspired Volunteers

In-Kind Donations
Fiscal Sponsorship
Political & Social Connections

Dedicated Supporters

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THE BIG PICTURE

Small community groups need special attention and technical assistance in these three critical areas in order for them to survive as a park partner and experience a sense of sustainability to maintain the park, engage the community and work collaboratively with the DC government and other nonprofit organizations.



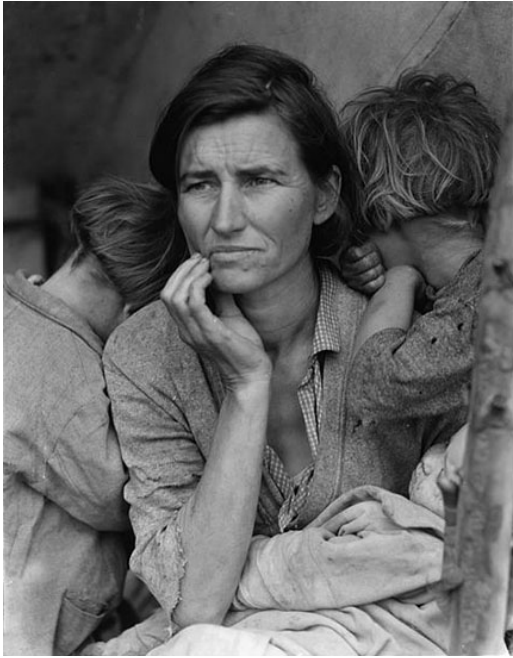
PHOTOVOICE

*Images, People, Places and Research-
All in One!*



THE POWER OF IMAGES...

Think about the feelings invoked by iconic images through out history...



PHOTOVOICE IS ... PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH (PAR)



- It actively engages participants using photography as a way to create and discuss the circumstances that the images represent as a means of personal, community, and social change.
- By using cameras, sharing and talking about their pictures, people document the reality of their lives, while focusing on health, environmental or social issues, individual, family or community assets and needs, while incorporating their life experiences, expertise and knowledge.

WHAT YOU NEED... FROM BEGINNING TO END



- Cameras
- Theme
- Group
- Educational information
 - Elements of photography
 - Information around the theme
- Final Exhibit Space



IF THIS TREE COULD TALK-

- Grant from the DC Urban Forestry Service
- The intention of this Photovoice project is threefold:
 1. To create an awareness of the importance of trees in an urban environment
 2. Give youth in Ward 7 and 8 an opportunity to engage with their community and show their perspective
 3. Show the utility of Photovoice as a viable method to promote urban forestry (nature, parks and greenspace)

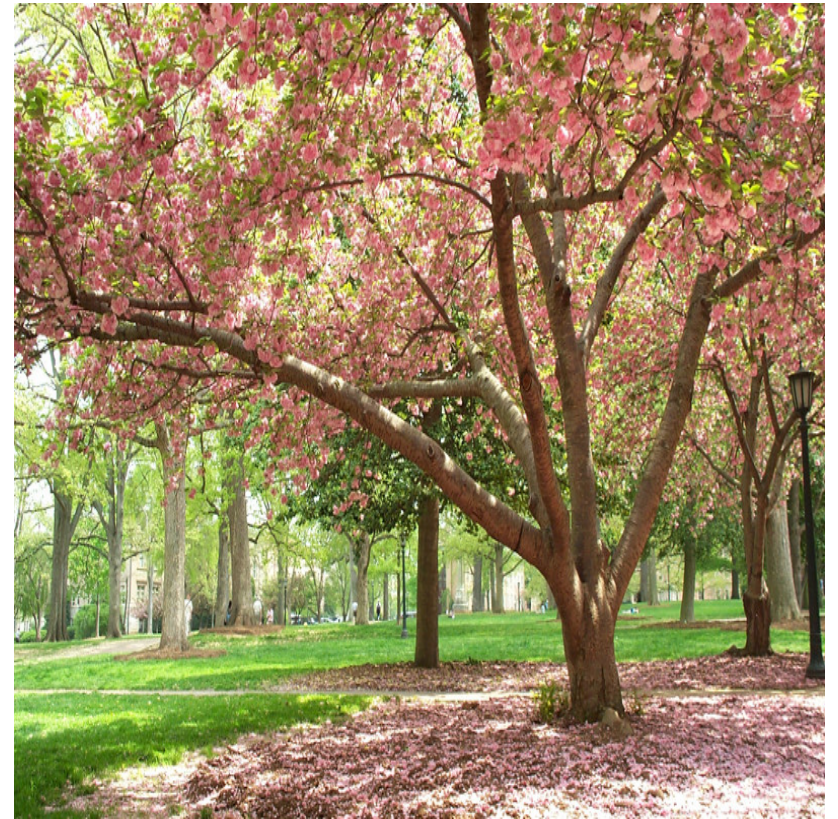
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LESSON PLANS

1. Photo voice Introduction PowerPoint
2. Place Matters and so does policy
3. Why Trees
4. Camera Exploration
5. Unnatural Causes-Place Matters
6. Close out- Directions





ANTWOIN ***LOOK UP***

I looked up, and saw
this tree from a
different perspective

RARZEKE *IN THE MIDDLE*

This is a huge tree in the middle of building, providing shade and keeping things cool. The trees cover the walkway like a bridge. It reminds me that we are all connected. We should be like the trees and work together.





IVAN
***WHERE IS THE
GREEN?***

No plants or trees, just cement and mailboxes- they seem to overshadow the community. I hope that people see how other people live. This picture shows a different perspective



MASEAN ***THE GUTTER***

A gutter is good to move water from one place to another, but a tree and some plants would be better!



FINAL EXHIBIT

WASHINGTON ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

f Alliance Française
*** Washington, DC





FINAL EXHIBIT



Tatiana
The photograph showing Tatiana's tree with a hole, with green plants growing out of it, is a symbol of resilience and growth. It is a reminder that even in the most difficult circumstances, life can find a way to thrive. Tatiana's story is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the ability to overcome adversity. This hole in the tree is a symbol of hope and a reminder that we can all find a way to grow and thrive, even in the most challenging of circumstances.



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At the end of the day, the green spaces are for you and me to connect to the earth, each other and the beauty of the green space.

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