Recommended School Garden Service Provider List: Last Updated 12/2018

If you are affiliated with a school looking to develop a new partnership with a garden-based organization, look no further! Below is a list of recommended service providers. Does your organization support school gardens? Fill out our DC School Garden Service Provider Survey. This list is updated annually.

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21st Century School Fund	Promotes the improvement of urban public school facilities including school grounds. We look to enhance community accessible design that welcomes the full enjoyment of schoolyards, athletic facilities and open space by students and school neighbors for recreation, physical exercise and environmental education.	PreK- ADULT	Nancy Huvendick							1											
Anacostia Watershed Society	Engages students in three-part service learning programs that include classroom lessons, a boat trip on the Anacostia River, and a hands-on stewardship project. We work with each school to determine what stewardship project is appropriate. These projects range from wetland plantings in the marshes along the Anacostia, invasive plant removal in our local parks, or the construction of a garden at their school. We can help you create a MWEE for your students.	PreK-12	<u>Ariel</u> <u>Trahan</u>							1		1									
Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture	Offers educational field trips at Arcadia Farm to complement school garden programs. Holds a food and farm-based summer camp for kids ages 6-11. Scholarships are available.	K-12	Ivy Mitchell						1			1							1		1
Casey Trees' School Tree Planting Program	Provides trees for schools. This includes support and expertise to schools leading up to, during, and after the tree planting through education, tree planting, and tree care. Interested schools must apply online with the help of Casey Trees' staff, schools are able to choose from shade, ornamental, and fruit trees, all free of charge. There is a five- tree minimum required for the program.	K-12	<u>Dana</u> <u>Gresham</u>			1			1	1											
City Blossoms	Creates multi-year relationships with schools and learning centers through its program areas: Early Growers (ages 3-5), School Garden Partners (grades prek-8th), Youth Entrepreneurship Cooperative/Mighty Greens (high school) to build and sustain kid-driven garden projects. Provides a menu of options for engagement including designs of low-impact and low-cost gardens, community workdays, and consultation on garden-based curriculum, teacher training and support, and six-to-eight-week in-class workshops. The following components are also incorporated in each project: artistic expression, cultural connections (with some resources offered in Spanish), and cooking education.	PreK- 12	Rebecc a Lemos- Otero	1	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	1	1		
City Year Civic Engagement Team	Works on school beautification projects, including painting murals, doing light landscaping and outdoor maintenance, and doing construction projects.	K-12	Katie Swinton	1																	
Cultivate the City	Builds urban edible gardens and farms to beautify our surroundings and produce as much food as possible in small spaces. Employs educators eager to work with teachers of all experience levels and helps growers young and old develop skills and access resources to start successful and sustainable farm operations.	PreK-12	Niraj Ray	1	1					1			1								
DC Greens	Provides multiple professional development opportunities for school garden coordinators and teachers, supports school garden markets, and school food initiatives.	K-12	<u>Sarah</u> <u>Holway</u>			1			1									1	1		
DC Department of General Services (DGS) / DCPS Recycles! Program	Provides services, supplies, and support to all DCPS schools under the DCPS Recycles! Program, which includes the option to participate in organics (food waste) recycling in the cafeteria. DGS also provides technical assistance to charter schools. If your school is not recycling, please contact DGS for assistance. DGS provides teacher and educator resources related to recycling and composting and runs city-wide competitions for schools.	PreK- ADULT	Brooke Hartman						1	1											
Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE)	RiverSmart Schools creates outdoor classrooms with the dual function of reducing storm water runoff. Conducts workshops (for at least 15 teachers) for the Project Learning Tree (PLT) curriculum. Participants become eligible for funding and additional resources through National PLT's GreenSchools! Program.	K-12	P. Trinh Doan	1	1				1	1			1								
DC Parks and Recreation- Urban Garden Program	DPR has a variety of garden tools to borrow such as rototillers, hand tools, power tools, broad forks and even a cider press through the Garden Tool Share Program. Also, the DPR Community Compost Cooperative Network uses new critter proof and smell proof compost bins to allow trained community members (schools included) to compost food scraps with garden waste to responsibly create high quality compost. DPR also runs an Urban Beekeeping Program	ADULT	Josh Singer			1			1									1		1	1
Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.	All communities deserve equal access to fresh, healthy food choices. We envision a world in which individuals and communities are empowered to "dream out loud," meaning they have the space to think, to imagine and to will their innermost dreams into vibrant reality.	5-8	Christopher Bradshaw	1					1	1			1								
<u>FarmRaiser</u>	Connects local farms and food artisans to schools and organizations that are raising money for good causes. Students sell healthy, local products instead of junk food or products no one wants. Eight-five percent of every dollar raised stays in your community, and your school will keep a minimum of 45 percent of the sale. Whether you want to do FarmRaiser right now or every year, or you'd like to talk with us about a more permanent partnership,	PreK-8	<u>Lauren</u> <u>Smith</u>							1			1					1			
FoodCorps	Places AmeriCorps service members at high need schools to teach students about healthy food through hands-on lessons (in the garden and the classroom); partner with food service workers to promote healthy food options and create a safe and inclusive cafeteria environment; and collaborate with communities to inspire a long-term culture of health. We partner with pre-K-8 schools (with the majority of our teaching time with k-5 grade classes) that are high-need (50 percent or more of the student population is eligible for free or reduced lunch).	K-5th	<u>Karen</u> <u>Davison</u>				1	1								1	1	1	1		
FRESHFARM Markets FoodPrints Program	Integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum into District schools	PreK-6	<u>Jennifer</u> <u>Mampara</u>					1					1								
Kid Power	. Works with classroom teachers to incorporate nutrition education into the classroom, after school, and summer programming The VeggieTime program is an after school program that teaches students about nutrition, cooking, and growing their own food in the school garden.	K-8	Alex Boyd				1	1					1								

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Love & Carrots	Provides the full package - from consulting and design to garden installation and programming for all ages. We excel at teaching the teachers. We can also provide ad-hoc services. We are often brought into existing school gardens that have faltered for various reasons. We are looking to work with more schools and community gardens of any kind. New builds are great, but not necessary, and Schools looking for routine programming as opposed to one-time classes.	Pre K- ADULT	Meredith Sheperd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Native Meadows	Assist with all aspects of meadow garden creation, sourcing of materials, assistance with development of educational pieces relevant to meadow ecosystems.	PreK- ADULT	Owen William S	1	1	1			1	1	1			1		1	1						
Natural Partners / Monarch Sister Schools Program (MSSP)	Involves students in "habitat restoration" for the Monarch butterfly. Students are responsible fo r planting and maintaining Monarch HabitatGarde ns on the schoolyard. Helps schools organize Garden Clubs.	PreK-12	William Dent	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		
Oasis Community Partners	Integrate diet, health and nutrition education into the classroom curricula. Using the school garden, other urban ag growing sites, and grocery stores, Oasis offers practical math, plant science, and food systems lessons in a variety of settings. Oasis can also offer garden market fundraising days, job training, education and workforce development for adults, and inter-generational learning opportunities with seniors.	PreK-8	Philip Sambol	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1			1		1	1	1	1			
Out Teach	Builds learning gardens, trains teachers through a multi-year training program and one-on-one trainings with teachers to use school gardens to teach standards-based instruction.	PreK-12	April Martin	1	1	1			1	1									1				
Office of the State Superintendent of Education- Environmental Literacy Program	Training in Project Learning Tree curriculum, training in DCPS elementary science cornerstones (Engineering is Elementary units), training on local watershed/Chesapeake Bay and Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences, assistance with US Green Ribbon Schools applications, bus transportation assistance for environmental field experiences.	PreK- ADULT	Grace Manubay						1	1			1										
Office of the State Superintendent of Education- Farm to School Program	Provides funds for <u>Farm Field Trips</u> which are a fun and exciting way for District students to experience hands-on the ins and out of growing food. Trips cover a variety of topics including, but not limited to, biology, history, food systems and living a healthy lifestyle. <u>Curricular resources</u> are also available.	PreK-12	Beth Hanna				1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1								
Office of the State Superintendent of Education- School Gardens Program	Assists schools in building and maintaining school gardens and provides training and technical assistance to teachers in utilizing school gardens while overseeing the administration of the DC School Garden Grant.	PreK-12	Sam Ullery						1	1	1		1	1	1								
Rent-a-Coop	Rents hens and a mobile chicken coop for four weeks to six months at a time to schools. We provide everything you need plus training and educational materials. We deliver and pick-up to schools.	PreK-12	Tyler Phillips			1				1													
Rooftop Roots	Utilizes urban environment to design, build, and maintain vegetable gardens and native landscapes, which we use as vehicles to teach sustainability education to all ages and increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables.	PreK-12	Thomas Schneider	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1			1				1		
SunCatcher Passive Solar Greenhouses	Available to help school gardens by providing energy efficient greenhouse designs and consulting for year-round growing.	PreK- ADULT	Shannon Carroll	1					1	1													
The Green Scheme	Implements its Code Green urban agriculture and community garden model in the selected sites to engage the students around health and environmental topics. Initiates gardening centered learning sessions on a weekly basis. At least 50 percent of learning time will be conducted in the gardens. The Green Scheme will incorporate topic based workshops into the gardening centered earning session.	3-ADULT	Ronnie Webb		1		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1					
University of the District of Columbia Master Gardener Program	Teaches all aspects of gardening including soil sampling and interpretation, design, plant selection, and disease and insect detection. Open to teachers, and garden coordinators.	K-12	Sandy Farb er						1	1													
Veteran Compost	We have organic compost, worm castings, potting mix, raised bed mix, microgreen mix and seed starter available in bagged and bulk form. We offer product pickup in DC as well as delivery.	PreK- ADULT	Justen Garrity			1														1			
Washington Youth Garden (WYG)	Works intensively with a select group of partner schools, teaching garden-based curriculum and installing and maintaining school gardens. Supports schools with their school garden through assisting with the development of school garden teams, facilitating teacher trainings, and co-hosting community events.	3-6	Brianne Studer	1		1		1	1	1		1											