

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.

Recommended School Garden Based Organization	Description	Grades Served	Contact	Services Offered																	
				Design	Construction	Materials	After school lessons and activities	Summer lessons	Training	Technical Assistance	Assessment and/or Evaluation	Field trips	Funding	Research and/or Case Studies	Curriculum	Staffing Support	Garden Maintenance	Community Engagement	Student Engagement	Compost Systems	Animals (Chickens, Bees)
<a href="#">21st Century School Fund</a>	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	<a href="#">Nancy Huvendick</a>								1										
<a href="#">Anacostia Watershed Society</a>	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	<a href="#">Ariel Trahan</a>								1		1								
<a href="#">Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food &amp; Agriculture</a>	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	<a href="#">Ivy Mitchell</a>						1				1							1	1
<a href="#">Casey Trees' School Tree Planting Program</a>	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	<a href="#">Dana Gresham</a>			1					1										
<a href="#">City Blossoms</a>	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	<a href="#">Rebecca Lemos-Otero</a>	1	1	1			1				1	1		1	1	1			
<a href="#">City Year Civic Engagement Team</a>	Works on school beautification projects, including painting murals, doing light landscaping and outdoor maintenance, and doing construction projects.	K-12	<a href="#">Katie Swinton</a>	1																	
<a href="#">Cultivate the City</a>	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	<a href="#">Niraj Ray</a>	1	1						1										
<a href="#">DC Greens</a>	Provides multiple professional development opportunities for school garden coordinators and teachers, supports school garden markets, and school food initiatives.	K-12	<a href="#">Sarah Holway</a>			1			1									1	1		
<a href="#">DC Department of General Services (DGS) / DCPS Recycles! Program</a>	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	<a href="#">Brooke Hartman</a>						1	1											
<a href="#">Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE)</a>	<a href="#">RiverSmart Schools</a> 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	<a href="#">P. Trinh Doan</a>	1	1					1			1								
<a href="#">DC Parks and Recreation- Urban Garden Program</a>	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 <a href="#">Garden Tool Share Program</a> . Also, the <a href="#">DPR Community Compost Cooperative Network</a> 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 <a href="#">Urban Beekeeping Program</a> .	ADULT	<a href="#">Josh Singer</a>			1				1								1		1	1
<a href="#">Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.</a>	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	<a href="#">Christopher Bradshaw</a>	1						1	1										
<a href="#">FarmRaiser</a>	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	<a href="#">Lauren Smith</a>								1							1			
<a href="#">FoodCorps</a>	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	<a href="#">Karen Davison</a>				1	1								1	1	1	1		
<a href="#">FRESHFARM Markets FoodPrints Program</a>	Integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum into District schools	PreK-6	<a href="#">Jennifer Mampara</a>					1						1							
<a href="#">Kid Power</a>	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	<a href="#">Alex Boyd</a>				1	1						1							

