



THE DC GREEN CORPS

The DC Green Corps and Greening Center are a model environmental justice initiative that links inner-city communities with lasting green jobs, and encourages sustained investment in using urban and community forestry to meet vital community needs.

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Greening DC's communities because all lives matter

The DC Green Corps, based at the Marvin Gaye Community Greening Center in the Watts Branch sub-watershed of the Anacostia River, provides a city-wide gateway to 50 different green career tracks in urban and community forestry and forest-based ecosystem and watershed restoration.

Helping under-served sub-watershed

communities across the city, the DC Green Corps job program focuses on environmental justice, sustainable native reforestation, riparian buffer planting, invasive removal, urban agriculture and arboriculture, and green controls of urban systems, such as storm and sewer flows. The Green Corps and Greening Center have a referral system to help participants connect to jobs through a wide range of agencies, professional and trade associations, trades, professions, and industries. The program places a special focus on youth populations and others with challenges for employment, including older people, disabled groups, and ex-offenders.

The DC Green Corps program is a core initiative of Washington Parks & People. As the capital's hub for activating public lands and waters for broad community revitalization through partnership, innovation, discovery

TRAINEE BENEFITS

- ◆ Certificate upon satisfactory completion of full program
- ◆ Assistance with job referral and placement opportunities
- ◆ Contact with experienced trainers and mentors as well as urban forestry and greening leaders
- ◆ Physical fitness and health support
- ◆ Intense introductory field experience to urban forestry and greening
- ◆ Collaboration with various DC government agencies and local community groups
- ◆ Important job skills
- ◆ Improved self-confidence
- ◆ Making a positive difference in the environment and appearance of our city
- ◆ Working as a team to meet goals



and workforce development, Parks & People collaborates with many agencies including the DC Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Administration, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, DC Department of the Environment and the UDC College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences to make the DC Green Corps program a success.