

Resources List

Google -- [Google Earth](#) is an advanced version of Google's mapping program, providing maps, satellite and historic imagery. Free download.

Service Learning volunteers:

[City Year](#), [Youth Service America](#), [AmeriCorps](#), [Student Conservation Association](#), [Learn and Serve America](#), service learning/volunteer offices at local universities.

Design, planning, curricular and financial assistance:

Local chapters of the [American Institute of Architects](#), [American Society of Landscape Architects](#), [National Organization of Minority Architects](#), [National Society of Professional Engineers](#), [National Society of Black Engineers](#), [Urban Land Institute](#), and [National Association of Home Builders](#) may provide volunteer design and construction expertise, help with construction, as well as some grants. Architecture, landscape architecture, construction administration and natural resources programs at local universities and master gardener programs at local universities often provide design assistance.

[Project Learning Tree](#), [Student Conservation Association](#), [Arbor Day Foundation](#), Anacostia Watershed Foundation and [Casey Trees](#) can offer educational programs or field trips. They may offer in-kind and monetary donations. Grants and in-kind contributions may come from organizations like [KaBOOM!](#), [Fiskars Project Orange Thumb](#), [National Gardening Association](#), [Gardenburger Community Garden Grants](#) and [Garden Club of America](#). Local businesses and fraternal organizations may require more direct contact, but be more flexible in what they will pay for. Who on your team is a fraternity or sorority member, or a member of the chamber of commerce?

Several USDA agencies have a focus on youth and environmental education. Check out [PollinatorLIVE](#) and the [People's Garden](#) program as examples. Also, the [CTS Program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service](#), the [National Park Service's Partners In Diversity Program](#) and the [Conservation Education Programs of the U.S. Forest Service](#). Figure out if there is a local unit of national agencies, such as a National Forest or National Park, and contact them directly.

Volunteer assistance:

In Greater Washington, [DC Cares](#), [Volunteer Match](#), [Single Volunteers of DC](#), [Serve DC](#), [Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC](#), [Burgundy Crescent Volunteers](#); local churches and gardening groups; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts may assist classes with younger kids to earn a merit badge.

For help with Washington, D.C. gardens:

DC Office of Planning -- [DC GIS Data](#) is a source for maps showing different kinds of physical and demographic information. Map sources can be manipulated on-line or downloaded; you will need [ESRI ArcGIS software](#) to use data sets on your computer.

OPEFM -- [DCPS Master Facilities Plan](#) is the 'bible' for construction in the Public Schools. Projects in DC Public Schools (and some charter school buildings) should be checked for conflicts with planned construction. Also check with school administration and school-based facilities staff about upcoming projects.