



# Environmental Organizations

## *We Recommend...*

### **Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy**

Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy is a non-profit organization established in 2010 that is working to restore one of the United States of America's ten greatest garden landscape designs, the 27-acre Dumbarton Oaks Park (the Park), formerly part of the Dumbarton Oaks estate in Georgetown, Washington, DC. The estate is a milestone in the history of American landscape architecture and a landmark in our social history, as it represents the finest work of Beatrix Farrand, America's first professional female landscape architect. Volunteers are needed to assist with weekend events, and volunteer groups are encouraged to also assist during the week.

**Contact:** (202) 333-3547 / [info@dopark.org](mailto:info@dopark.org) / Amanda Shull, Volunteer Coordinator [amandashull@dopark.org](mailto:amandashull@dopark.org)  
Jelleff Community Center 3265 S Street NW, Washington, DC. 20007

### **Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture**

Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture is dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable food system and culture in the Washington, DC area and a collaborative space for the many local efforts and initiatives around better food. The organization's mission is to improve the health of our community, the viability of local farmers, and preserve the environment for future generations by combining education about healthy food and its sources with better logistical connections between local farmers and the urban and suburban core of the region.

**Contact:** Benjamin Bartley /410-533-5684/[volunteer@arcadiafood.org](mailto:volunteer@arcadiafood.org) / [www.arcadiafood.org](http://www.arcadiafood.org)  
9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309

### **AU Community Garden**

The community garden aims to create a viable, urban garden on American University's campus through teamwork and education, and involve the greater AU community in sustainable learning.

**Contact:** [communitygardenau@gmail.com](mailto:communitygardenau@gmail.com) / [www.facebook.com/americanuniversitycommunitygarden/](http://www.facebook.com/americanuniversitycommunitygarden/)  
4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20016

### **Anacostia Watershed Society**

This group seeks to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores, and honoring the heritage. AWS works through education, advocacy, and stewardship. Volunteers assist with river and community trash cleanups, invasive plant removals, native plant restoration, and meadow restoration.

**Contact:** (301) 699-6204 / [info@anacostiaws.org](mailto:info@anacostiaws.org) / [www.anacostiaws.org](http://www.anacostiaws.org)  
*The George Washington House*, 4302 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

### **Audubon Naturalist Society**

ANS reaches more than 9,000 children each calendar year through its nature preschool and family, scout, school, and camp programs, offers adults a rich variety of natural history classes, local outings, and national and international travel experiences, and works with a network of civic and environmental groups on conservation issues, such as transportation, watershed and rural lands protection, and climate change. ANS also manages three wildlife sanctuaries: Woodend, Rust, and Webb and hosts numerous special events.

**Contact:** (301) 652-9188 x30/ [alison.pearce@anshome.org](mailto:alison.pearce@anshome.org) / [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org)  
8940 Jones Mill RD, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

### Casey Trees

Casey Trees is an urban forestry non-profit with a mission to restore, enhance and protect the tree canopy of the Nation's Capital. We are also committed to helping the District achieve its ambitious 40 percent by 2032 canopy goal. To reach this goal, Casey Trees offers many volunteer opportunities—from Community and School Tree Plantings to Tree Inventories.

**Contact:** (202) 833-4010 / [friends@caseytrees.org](mailto:friends@caseytrees.org) / [caseytrees.org](http://caseytrees.org)  
3030 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Washington D.C.

### Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Founded in 1967, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is the largest independent conservation organization dedicated solely to saving the Bay. Volunteers in both Maryland and Virginia can assist with administrative duties, show support for the Bay at festivals and events, and facilitate educational opportunities surrounding environmental impact.

**Contact:** 1 (888) 728-3229 / <http://www.cbf.org/> / [chesapeake@cbf.org](mailto:chesapeake@cbf.org)  
1615 M Street NW Washington, District of Columbia 20036

### Claggett Farm

Claggett Farm's ultimate goal is to use farming methods that are truly sustainable—both economically and environmentally. Claggett Farm achieves this goal through community supported agriculture, a native tree nursery, grass-fed beef, educational field programs, and the Maryland Grazers Network.

**Contact:** (301) 627-4393 / [claggettfarm@cbf.org](mailto:claggettfarm@cbf.org) / [www.claggettfarm.org](http://www.claggettfarm.org)  
11904 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

### Coalition for Smarter Growth

CSG addresses where and how the Washington region grows, partnering with communities in planning for the future, and offering solutions to the interconnected challenges of housing, transportation, energy and the environment.

**Contact:** (202) 675-0016 / [action@smartergrowth.net](mailto:action@smartergrowth.net) / [www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net)  
316 F Street NE, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20002

### Common Good City Farm

Common Good City Farm is a place where community members can source fresh food, see sustainable urban agriculture in action, and gain exposure to concepts and skills to lead healthy lives. Their mission is to create a vibrant, informed, and well-nourished community through urban farming. With an emphasis on producing food for community members, CGCF demonstrates intensive, small-scale sustainable urban agricultural practices and participates in all parts of the food system, including: food production, processing, distribution, consumption and waste management. Farm work varies almost as much as the weather and as a volunteer, you may be asked to do anything from planting seeds and weeding to painting or building.

**Contact:** (202) 559-7513 / [info@commongoodcityfarm.org](mailto:info@commongoodcityfarm.org) / <http://commongoodcityfarm.org/>  
V Street NW between 2nd and 4th Streets NW Washington, DC 20001 (farm location)  
160 U Street NW Washington, DC 20001 (office location)

### DC Greenworks

DC Greenworks is a 501(c)(3) social enterprise serving the Washington, DC community by providing training, tools, and technologies that utilize, advance, and protect the environment. Volunteers work to build green roofs, construct rain gardens, install rain barrels, and assist with office tasks.

**Contact:** (202) 518-6195 / [www.dcgreenworks.org/](http://www.dcgreenworks.org/) / [info@dcgreenworks.org](mailto:info@dcgreenworks.org)  
1341 H Street NE, Suite 203, Washington, DC 20002

### EcoCity Farms

Established in 2010, ECO City Farms is an educational, non-profit organization located in Prince George's County, Maryland designed to serve as a prototype for sustainable local urban farming. We envision a just, vigorous and sustainable food system in the Chesapeake foodshed with ample fertile soil, quality environments and sustainable incomes for farmers, and access to nutritious high quality food for all. ECO City Farms seeks to enhance food security, safety and access, to improve nutrition and health, to preserve cultural and ecological diversity, and to accelerate the transition to an economy based on preservation, recycling and restoration. We amplify community voice and engagement to reinvigorate the Chesapeake foodshed with sustainable ways of making food and money.

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6010 Taylor Road, Riverdale, Md., 20737

### **EnvironMentors, the National Council for Science and the Environment**

EnvironMentors is a national college access initiative that prepares high school students from under-represented backgrounds for college degree programs in environmental and related science fields. EnvironMentors is a collaborative effort of colleges and universities, our mentors, aspiring high school students, science teachers, government agencies, community organizations, foundations and businesses who generously support our work. We match minority high school students with college and university faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and science and environmental professionals, in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Working together, students and mentors develop rigorous environmental science research projects over the course of the academic year.

**Contact:** (202) 530-5810 x224 / [jshafir@ncseonline.org](mailto:jshafir@ncseonline.org) / <https://www.ncseglobal.org/environmentors>  
1101 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20036

### **Green America**

The vision of Green America is to harness economic power—the strength of consumers, investors, businesses, and the marketplace—to create a socially just and environmentally sustainable society. The organization works for a world where all people have enough, where all communities are healthy and safe, and where the bounty of the Earth is preserved for all the generations to come.

**Contact:** (800) 584-7336 / [www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org) / 1612 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006

### **Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation**

Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation is a non-profit animal rescue organization that saves the lives of thousands of homeless and abandoned pets each year. They rescue dogs and cats facing euthanasia in overcrowded shelters, and place them for adoption in loving homes. Volunteers help as handlers at adoption events, as drivers for pet taxis, in fundraising, and in grant-writing.

**Contact:** (703) 295-3647 / [volunteer@lostdogrescue.org](mailto:volunteer@lostdogrescue.org) / [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org)  
PO Box 50037 Arlington, VA 22205

### **National Park Service: Rock Creek Park**

Volunteers assist in virtually every aspect of park operations: they maintain park trails, remove invasive and exotic plant species, care for horses, interpret the park's history, nature, and night sky, build community gardens, and conduct creek sweeps, among other things.

**Contact:** (202) 895-6000 / [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr)  
3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW, Washington, DC 20008

### **National Wildlife Federation**

The National Wildlife Federation, America's oldest and largest conservation organization, works across the country to unite Americans from all walks of life in giving wildlife a voice. They have been on the front lines for wildlife since 1936, fighting for the conservation values that are woven into the fabric of our nation's collective heritage.

**Contact:** (800) 822-9919 / [www.nwf.org/Volunteer/Find-Opportunities](http://www.nwf.org/Volunteer/Find-Opportunities)  
PO Box 1583 Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

### **Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary**

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is a 400-acre non-profit refuge for farm animals and wildlife located in Poolesville, Maryland. Our mission is to: Offer care, rehabilitation, and permanent sanctuary for neglected, abused or abandoned farm animals, provide protected habitat for wildlife, furnish information to the public regarding farm animal and wildlife issues, and promote compassion and humane treatment for all animals. Volunteers are needed to assist with feeding and caring for the animals; mowing, trimming, and fencing around the farm; and administrative tasks such as filing and data entry.

**Contact:** (301) 428-8128 / [info@animalsanctuary.org](mailto:info@animalsanctuary.org) / [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org)  
PO Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837

### **Potomac River Keeper**

Potomac River Keeper is an organization that works to protect the public's right to clean water in our rivers and streams. They stop pollution to promote safe drinking water, protect healthy river habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment.

**Contact:** (202) 888-2037 / [www.potomacriverkeepernetwork.org](http://www.potomacriverkeepernetwork.org)  
3070 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

### **Rock Creek Conservancy**

Rock Creek Conservancy is the only organization that focuses on Rock Creek in its entirety. Rock Creek Conservancy is uniquely positioned to foster outreach, education, and protection efforts to overcome threats to Rock Creek. They work through a combination of education, advocacy, and action. Their strategy is to build partnerships with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, businesses, institutions, community groups, and residents to work together to preserve Rock Creek for present and future generations. Volunteer opportunities are as a part of a “Stream Team,” in cleanup projects, and with public outreach.

**Contact:** (202) 237-8866 / [info@rockcreekconservancy.org](mailto:info@rockcreekconservancy.org) / [www.rockcreekconservancy.org](http://www.rockcreekconservancy.org)  
4825 Cordell Ave., Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814

### **Smithsonian National Zoological Park**

Cheetahs, Przewalski's horses, lions, tigers, gorillas, birds, and many other animals can be seen outside much of the time, and many more animals are on exhibit throughout the day. Volunteers are asked to commit to a full year of volunteering, at least one full or half day per week. Opportunities include education, zoo support and special events.

**Contact:** (202) 633-3025 / [nationalzoo.si.edu](mailto:nationalzoo.si.edu)  
3001 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington DC 20008

### **Washington Animal Rescue League**

The mission of the Washington Animal Rescue League is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals that have nowhere else to go. We are committed to strengthening and preserving the human-animal bond by supporting animals in their homes through affordable veterinary care, community outreach, and education. We require that all our volunteers commit to 8 hours a month for a minimum of 6 months.

**Contact:** (202) 726-2556 / [warl@warl.org](mailto:warl@warl.org) / [www.warl.org](http://www.warl.org)  
71 Oglethorpe St, NW, Washington, DC 20011

### **Washington Parks & People**

We lead greening initiatives across the city -- massive land reclamation, native reforestation, watershed restoration, public health and fitness programming, urban agriculture, and green job training -- to help revitalize once forgotten communities. Parks & People leads the Down By the Riverside Campaign at Marvin Gaye Park in the Watts Branch stream valley.

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