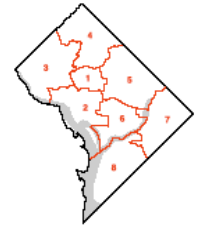




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The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)
at the University of the District of Columbia October 1 2005-September 30, 2006

RREA programs educate Master Gardeners, D.C. Residents, foresters, landscape architects, engineers, planners, arborists, citizens, and others through workshops, seminars, presentations, and publications on developing solutions to urban and community forestry issues in Washington, D.C. In partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the National Park Service, and the DC Master Gardener Program, \$12,650 of RREA funds were leveraged 1:1 along with in-kind services to deliver educational programs. In the past year, these funds were used for:

- In Washington D.C., a nursery was found to have plants infected with Sudden Oak Death. Unfortunately, the nursery was unable to trace the customers who were sold the infected host plants. For these reasons, 105 D.C. Master Gardeners were trained as First Detectors to be on the first line of defense against exotic and emerging plant pests and disease like Sudden Oak Death. Through advanced trainings, Master Gardeners learned how to monitor, how to notice unusual symptoms, learn how to collect, package and send samples, and how to rule out false cases. After the training, Master Gardeners educated the public through 5 plant clinics at a local nursery, 15 speaking engagements, and distributing 2,000 fact sheets. Roughly 38% of the street trees in the nation's capital are oaks.
- Through the Community Forestry Network and the Metropolitan Washington Green Infrastructure Project with Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), two forums were hosted to promote principles in urban forestry, horticulture, and green infrastructure. Sixty-eight professionals and citizens attended the forums on waste wood utilization and satellite technology for managing weeds. Regional and national speakers were invited to bring their perspectives to these meetings.



Master Gardeners learn how
to diagnose Sudden Oak Death

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