



PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION

Plants Make Positive Places Program Returns and Is Accepting Project Requests

Plants Make Positive Places (P3) is expanding in 2016 to increase the amount of plants propagated, the number of gardens installed, and the amount of staff trained on the tending and continued maintenance of gardens on Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) landscapes.

Established in 2015, the P3 project is working to increase plant propagation, reuse and distribution within the PPR system to expand plants' positive aesthetic, educational, and ecological impact. After receiving funding from the Mayor's Fund for Innovation in 2015, PPR staff developed a pilot project that included a propagation system at Greenland Nursery for in-house growing of landscape perennial plants and the use of the planting material to install four gardens at recreation facilities, as well as the training of on-site staff on the care and continued maintenance of these gardens.

Carol Pollard Ndeti has been hired as a Seasonal Horticulturist Trainer to help head up the P3 project. Carol has an associate's degree in Horticulture from North Shore Community College in Massachusetts where she's from. She worked for a wholesale nursery and two landscape designers before getting a position as an Assistant Gardener with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation in Staten Island. After working with NYC Parks and Recreation, Carol moved on to work for Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, NY as an Assistant Gardener where she spent the next three years before moving to Philadelphia and working for the Chanticleer Foundation in Wayne, PA as a Seasonal Assistant Horticulturist.

The P3 project will be accepting project requests for garden installations at recreation facility sites and neighborhood park gardens. Please contact Carol at carol@p3phila.org for more information regarding making a project request.