

Community Engagement Activities for Food Forest

Nov 2016 – Community gathering to introduce project to neighbors. Included eco-tours, food trucks, family activities.

Dec 2016 – Established Food Forest facebook page for social media outreach.

Jan 2017 – Community meeting highlighting “What could be on your Food Forest”. Presentations from partners including highlighting similar projects from across the country.

Mar 2017 – Community members participated in tour of community gardens and edible landscapes at Brownwood Park, Kirkwood Urban Forest, and Choosewood Park to see similar projects and meet potential partners.

Apr 2017 – Community members gathered at Food Forest site for roundtable discussion for “What should be on their Food Forest”

May 2017

- Monthly Steering Committee meetings begin with neighbors. First month, laying ground rules, values and behaviors.
- Students from South Atlanta High Schools Outward Bound program hosts onsite work day.

June 2017 – Steering Committee begins engagement with landscaping design team to develop concept plans

July 2017 – Concept Plan A and Plan B are presented to community by design team

Aug 2017 – Feedback collected from residents for design team to merge plans and finalize design

Sept 2017

- Volunteer Day with Goose Island Brewery, included mulching trail and building picnic tables and tool shed. Community included and engaged in all activities
- Second field trip for residents to see similar projects. Visited Choosewood Park, East Atlanta Farmer’s Market, Tapestry Community Garden, and Kirkwood Urban Forest.
- Greening Youth Foundation presented Urban Youth Corps workforce training opportunity to Steering Committee

Nov 2017 – EarthShare Volunteer Day and Fall Festival

- Volunteers from community, Bank of America, Newell Rubbermaid, and Girl Scouts prepped garden area, mulched trail, and sealed picnic tables.
- Greening Youth had a table to share information about Urban Youth Corps workforce development. Other partners included Americorps, Food Oasis, Chef Christy

Dec 2017

- Kim Bego participated on behalf of the Steering Committee in Park Pride’s grant workshop
- Holiday celebration at Rosel Fann. Shared Community Vision Plan draft for residents’ input.
- Community member, Soisette Lumpkin and Matt Josey from NPS presented concept for community asset mapping that Steering Committee could support to find additional resident’s and skills for Food Forest.
- Food Oasis also presented on opportunities related to gardening and cooking.