



FIRST STATE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

Our Mission: to provide leadership, initiative, technical support, financial support, and direction in developing and carrying out a plan to assist individuals and communities in the conservation and enhancement of their human and natural resources.

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2018 Update



Over the past 11 years, the First State Resource Conservation & Development Council has provided assistance to several urban farm and community garden projects.

- ◆ The first project was a brownfield site evaluation of what has become the E. D. Robinson Urban Farm. The Council provided funds for fencing the site. It was then placed under the direction of the Delaware Center for Horticulture. 
- ◆ The Council provided funds to begin the DDA/DHSS Planting Hope community garden and later provided support for the 2013 Garden Fair. 
- ◆ A \$500 mini-grant was provided to the Elsmere Community Garden project known as the Garden at Linden for the installation of raised garden beds. 
- ◆ A \$500 mini-grant was provided to the Southbridge Children’s Garden for a storage shed. (see photo below)
- ◆ A \$350 mini-grant was provided to the Educational Enrichment Center to install a raised bed children’s garden. (see photo below)
- ◆ A \$500 mini-grant was awarded to Las Aspira Academy in Newark for a new children’s garden. A second grant was awarded in fall 2017 for a native pollinator garden and composting area. 
- ◆ Provided a \$500 grant to Forwood Elementary School for a native plant garden.
- ◆ Provided a \$100 grant to STEHM (transitional housing) for a patio vegetable garden to be used by residents of their facility. (see photo below)
- ◆ Provided a \$500 grant to Bellevue Community Center for pollinator habitat, bee condo and improvements to their farm stand. 
- ◆ Provided a \$500 grant to the Rose Hill Community Center garden.
- ◆ Co-sponsored five urban farm and garden tours for DEUFFC members (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018). (see photo below)
- ◆ **Mini-grant applications are available at www.newcastleconservationdistrict.org under the RC&D tab.**



Educational Enrichment Center



Annual Garden Tour



STEHM Patio Garden



South-bridge Children’s Garden Tool Shed