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dc greenworks Joins UDC Sustainability Initiative

Happy Earth Week!

dc greenworks this month completed a 1400 square foot installation at the **University of the District of Columbia**, part of the University's - and the city's - larger sustainability initiative. UDC is offering ongoing programming around sustainability this year, while it renovates the main plaza to increase permeability and stormwater capture.



The new plaza will feature a number of green infrastructure amenities, including the "regressed" garden designed and installed by **dcg**. A mix of Liriope and Pennsylvania sedge over an **Aqualok** system, the recent planting will grow through the metal grates of the deck that will serve as an overlook and meeting place for the plaza. For installation photos visit the [project profile](#) on our website.

dcg welcomes its partnership with the University and looks forward to the [Green Roof Boot Camp](#), June 7 - 10, hosted by UDC and sponsored by **dcg**.



Rain Barrel Notes

dc greenworks continues to expand its rain barrel goods and services. Here are some of the headlines:

- rain barrels installed by **dcg** at last count: 1743.
- the number of barrel types now available through the [DDOE Rebate program](#): 12.
- Number of gallons of rainwater captured by barrels in 2011: 142,032.
- **dcg** is now a distributor for **RainSaucers**, a standalone rainwater harvesting system. See www.rainsaucer.com for more!

Also note, **dcg** can provide design and installation services for all your rain barrel needs, including installation of Rebate barrels and rain saucer configuration. For a consultation visit our [website request form](#).

The charity : water rain barrel challenge

In advance of World Environment Day June 5, **dcg** is raising funds for **charity : water**, an online giving platform dedicated to water infrastructure in developing countries. Our goal is to raise \$1200 to help 60 people who don't have access to clean water. \$1200 is equal to \$15 for each of the rain barrels we plan to install from now until World Environment Day - we will be tweeting our progress!

Each dollar donated goes straight to a specific project that will be profiled on our site. What can \$1200 do? To see the difference we can make in one community, check out our [campaign](#) page. (Click on the "OPEN+" link on the far right side.) \$1200 will offset a well, rainwater catchment, biosand filter or other substitute for existing water sources that are often dirty and remote.

In two years, individuals and groups have raised \$8.6 million through **charity : water**. To see how the dollars are directed see the [Dollars to Projects](#) page.



DC Top Ranked In Green Roof Installation

Included in his Vision for a **Sustainable DC**, Mayor Gray this week announced that DC was the 2011 leader in green roof installation nationally. **dc greenworks** nearly doubled its installed green roof in 2011, and with the completion of the UDC project, **dcg** can now claim 104,996 square feet installed.

Asked by a reporter how green infrastructure will translate into green jobs, Peter Ensign, **dcg** Executive Director, responded, "Green infrastructure requires labor that is local, can't be exported, and is often low-skill ... These are the people that need work the most. It is also ongoing. Green infrastructure requires maintenance if it is to function properly over the long-term."

In 2011, **dcg** installed 48,213 square feet of green roof, equivalent to 1,681,374 gallons of rainwater captured. The organization is growing and the industry is growing. For a full lineup of our green roof projects to date, see our website [portfolio](#).

STEM Award Winner Will Summer At dcg



This summer **dcg** looks forward to working with Waliyda Cole, a student at **School Without Walls**. Waliyda was a winner at a recent STEM fair held at Wilson HS in Northwest DC. Her project is to compare the Filtering of Native v. Invasive Plant Species for Improvement of Water Quality.

Waliyda will intern at **dcg** for three months where she will learn about green infrastructure in a hands-on setting. We will

also assist her with the next iteration of her project that she develops.

Thank you!

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