



## Brightside's NatureScape Grant Awards

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***The following gardens have been funded thanks to the generosity of YUM! Brands***

**\*Portland Elementary School**

**Funded - \$1,000**

Portland Elementary School, an environmental magnet school with Jefferson County Public Schools, will build three raised beds to begin their community garden. Students from grades K-5 will be active participants in the process from prepping the beds to planting, growing, tending, and harvesting the fruits and vegetables grown. The goal of the program is to show the students the benefits of growing their own food as a source of nutrition that will improve their health now and for many years to come.

**District 5**

**\*Whitney Young Elementary School**

**Funded - \$1,000**

Whitney Young Elementary School will also create an outdoor classroom and vegetable garden for students by building raised beds and creating a compost area. Each bed will be tied to a particular grade level's curriculum allowing students to learn about all aspects of gardening including plant life cycles, erosion, soil nutrients, and decomposition. This program will help students learn to cultivate fruits and vegetables as well as the value of fresh food consumption.

**District 5**

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**Auburndale Neighborhood Association**

**Funded - \$1,300**

The Auburndale Neighborhood Association will beautify the entrance to Merlyn Acre subdivision planting flowering pear and cherry trees, along with a mixture of perennials and annuals, arborvitae, and loriope. The newly formed Auburndale Neighborhood Association hopes to make the entrance more welcoming and encourage neighbors to get involved as the Association continues working on projects to improve their community

**Districts 13 & 25**

**Dorsey Station Condo Association**

**Funded - \$1,500**

Dorsey Station Condo Association plans to replant trees lost during the ice and wind storms of 2008. Replanting trees lost during the storms along the property on both Dorsey Lane and Shelbyville Road will happen with the help of the Seneca High School Drama Club who have volunteered their time for this project.

**District 18**

**Old Louisville Information Center**

**Funded - \$1,500**

This project will assist the Old Louisville Information Center as they help reforest Central Park after the loss of many large trees during the ice and wind storms of 2008. Originally designed as place for relaxation and nature in the middle of an urban neighborhood, the Old Louisville Information Center will plant indigenous trees in Central Park such as the Overcup Oak, Buckeye, and Tulip Poplar to name a few. A nimble cadre of volunteers from many organizations within Old Louisville will come together to help with the installation and maintenance of the new trees.

**District 6**

**St. John United Church of Christ**

**Funded - \$1,500**

St. John United Church of Christ will provide an ecologically sustainable green space at the church in the East Market area. Working with Boy Scout Troop 4019, St. John's will improve the landscaping surrounding their sign, plant new shrubbery along Clay Street, and place large pots planted with seasonal flowers at the entrance to the church, parish house, and educational building. A member of the East Market neighborhood since 1866, St. John's is excited to participate in the revitalization of the neighborhood.

**District 4**