



GROUNDWORK
Rhode Island



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**Thank you for helping
make 2024 a success!**

Building Healthy, Resilient, Equitable Communities



GroundCorp planted 678 trees in 2024!



We designed and planted our first microforest in South Providence!



Green Team Youth visiting Maisy's Tree Farm in Hope Valley, RI

Expanding, Protecting, and Stewarding the Urban Forest

Groundwork RI has been **working with many partners to plant and care for hundreds of trees in seven Rhode Island cities and towns this year** - Providence, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, East Providence, Woonsocket, and Johnston. In 2025, we are adding Pawtucket to the list thanks to new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding via the USDA Forest Service. Growing our tree program over the past few years has been a huge accomplishment, as well as a ton of work! **We are so happy to be able to continue bringing resources to Rhode Island to plant and steward even more trees in the coming years through Forest Service, EPA, and your generous support!** With our core partners Garden Time and the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program (PNPP) we will continue to **provide job training and employment opportunities around tree work**, including watering and maintaining at least 2,000 trees over the next two years. We were thrilled to plant **our first microforest in South Providence this fall** at 434 Prairie Avenue, utilizing the Miyawaki method of dense plantings that create a true forest ecosystem in a small area. We revisited Calcutt Middle School in Central Falls where we had already planted trees and installed shade structures in recent years, and added **new native shrub and perennial plantings to the trees to support bird habitat** and create a more naturalized area that will support overall tree survival, create beautification and access to high-quality nature for residents. **We could not do this work without unrestricted support from donors like you. Thank you!**



Nature-Based Solutions for Stormwater

GroundCorp installed **five nature-based stormwater management features on commercial properties** in both Pawtucket and, along with our partner the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, in Providence. **This hillside swale and rain garden at the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket**, along with other features we installed there, is an example of green infrastructure that is **preventing erosion, infiltrating stormwater, and helping eliminate flood water from entering the building, which had created a safety hazard.** These projects were funded by EPA's Southeast New England Program (SNEP). **Continued maintenance depends on your support!**



Green Team joined the Below and Above Collective to launch a floating wetland at Roger Williams Park

Sixteen Green Team Youth traveled to Yellowstone National Park and the White Mountain National Forest

Green Team took care of multiple school and community gardens over the summer

Youth worked with Harvest Cycle to install a compost processing site at SCLT's Galego Farm

Progress on the West End Compost Hub and Harvest Cycle

Harvest Cycle diverted 310,000 lbs of food scraps from the landfill in 2024 thanks to our 765 subscribers!

We have installed and are managing a **total of 17 food scrap drop-off sites** in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls, and we **redistributed 1,500 gallons of finished compost** in the spring. In 2024, we also made **huge gains towards getting the West End Compost Hub up and running next year**. We put the construction out to bid in July and selected our General Contractor - H.V. Collins. **RI DEM and the EPA came through in a big way** by helping us access Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding to **finalize the underground infrastructure and brownfield remediation**, which will go out to bid separately in the new year. Additional 11th Hour Racing funding and a Climate Resilience Fund grant from RI DEM will also help with other site infrastructure and staff support. **While we still face a significant funding gap of at least \$300,000, we feel very lucky to have the support of so many partners and can't wait to get construction started!** A RISD student team created **this beautiful new rendering** of the future facility, below. **Your continued support can help make this vision a reality!**



In 2025, your tax-deductible donation will support:

- ✓ The **Grand Opening and start-up costs** for the West End Compost Hub!
- ✓ **Maintenance and stewardship** of green space projects by GroundCorp and Green Team
- ✓ The launch of our new **paid employment program, Storm Crew, and Job Training stipends** for adult participants

Your contribution makes a difference!

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