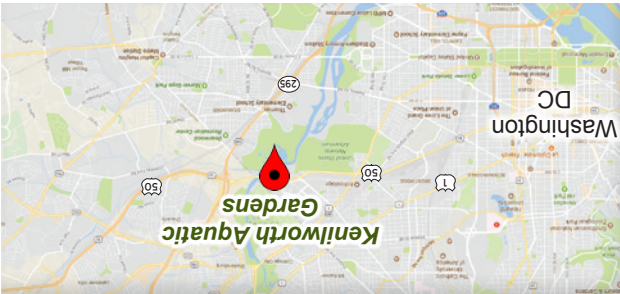
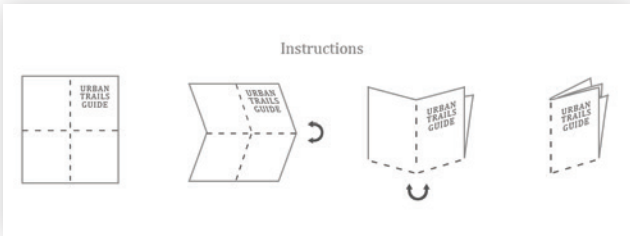


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EXPLORE!



- One-half mile of new trail included construction of retaining walls, and installation of crushed stone and mulch across muddy areas.
- New trail sections were cut to traverse steep hillsides.
- Brush piles were placed to hide the discontinued social trails.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WASHINGTON, DC
Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens



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Tyrese White grew up in the neighborhood that adjoins Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. In a letter to SCA sponsors, Ty noted, "You have helped an inner-city kid learn the value of parks and feel like he can accomplish something beyond his means;"

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, a 700-acre urban oasis of water gardens, marsh, ballfields, and recreational facilities, is located in the northeastern corner of Washington, D.C. near the Maryland state border. Nestled near the Anacostia River, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens preserves rare waterlilies and lotuses in cultivated ponds. The gardens are home to 650 species of insects, 150 species of land plants, 76 species of birds, 18 species of fish, 9 species of mammals, and 8 species of reptiles. In summer 2016, the Student Conservation Association partnered with the National Park Service to prepare for its annual Water Lily Festival. After SCA crews installed 70 coconut logs along trails surrounding the ponds, the crew transported one ton of soil by wheelbarrow the site. Once the soil was laid, the crews meticulously leveled and hand-tamped gravel to ensure that trails and pond banks were safe for park visitors. In addition, SCA crews built a 24-foot bridge over a section of trail that frequently floods. All projects are helping to prevent erosion as well as improve visitor safety and experience.

INTRODUCTION