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Anacostia Watershed Society	Glut Food Co-op
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Community Foundation for Prince George's County	Port Towns Community Health Partnership
Community Forklift	Prince George's Community College
Compost Cab	Purple Mountain Organics
Crossroads Farmers Market	Riverdale Park Farmers Market
End Time Harvest Ministries and the Port Towns Youth Council	Takoma Park/Silver Spring Food Co-op
Envision Prince George's	The Port Towns: Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston
Feed Denver	University of Maryland Extension
Franklin's Restaurant & Brewery	University of Maryland Food Collective
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2010 Annual Report



ECO City Farms is an educational, not-for-profit enterprise located inside the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County, MD designed to serve as a prototype for sustainable local farming.

We grow great food, farms and farmers.

We envision a just, vigorous and sustainable food system in the Chesapeake foodshed with ample fertile soil, quality environments and sustainable incomes for farmers, and access to nutritious high quality food for all.

ECO City Farms is like a jazz improvisation, with many musicians offering their unique contribution of melody, chords and scales. Like a musical creation, it is never completed. We grow, harvest, compost, repair, maintain and innovate anew.



CEO Margaret Morgan-Hubbard; Urban Farming Coordinator Christian Melendez; Board Chair Dr. Eric Wood; Green Builder/Assistant Farmer Adam Schwartz; New Urban Farmer Trainee Jose Castillo

Our goals are large and lofty: to reverse climate change as we enhance food security, safety and access, improve nutrition and health, preserve cultural and ecological diversity, and grow great food, farms and farmers. When I look at our little corner of the planet in Edmonston, I am both daunted and proud. There is so much to do to move our world from its dependence on industrial agriculture and energy-guzzling, waste-producing technologies to an economy that works in concert with nature, based on preservation, recycling and restoration.

However, I am so heartened by the many people who are also committed to this vision and took a risk with us by jumping into this improvisation—from our interns Cara and Emma to our “greenest of all US Mayors,” Adam Ortiz; from our allies at M-NCPPC to our eight New Urban Farmer Trainees; from Helen McClure of Prince George’s Community College and Celeste James of Kaiser Permanente to all our partners and funders. And I am thrilled that professionals like Adam Schwartz, Renee Catacalos and Benny Erez have joined me and Christian Melendez in this exciting adventure. We are an integral part of the “good food revolution” and our numbers grow daily. With all of us working together, the world will be restored and well-fed.

Peace.

Margaret Morgan-Hubbard

2010 Accomplishments—Our First Year

- **ECO begins January 15** with funding from Kaiser Permanente, the Prince George’s County Executive’s Office and County Councilman Eric Olson
- Two members of ECO staff attend and complete **Commercial Urban Agriculture Training Program at Growing Power** in Milwaukee
- **Maryland National Park and Planning Commission provides land** in Edmonston for a farm and land in College Park for composting
- Farm goes **“off the grid”** with 15 photovoltaic collectors, solar hot water, and shallow geothermal “earth tubes” for heating and cooling hoopouses
- ECO begins construction of **4 hoopouses** for year-round food production
- ECO begins receiving and **composting 40 tons** of organic waste per month
- **400 participants** attend first urban farming summit in the Chesapeake region, ECO’s *Sowing Seeds Here and Now!*
- Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission awards a **grant to build a prototype commercial kitchen** using shipping containers
- Maryland State Senate and House **awards a \$75,000 bond bill** for second phase of Edmonston farm build-out
- **New Urban Farmer Training** program begins with eight trainees in August in partnership with Crossroads Farmers Market
- ECO offers the county’s first **Certificate in Urban Agriculture** program through Prince George’s Community College
- ECO begins **selling food to restaurants, food co-ops** and at Crossroads Farmers Market, with continued hoopouse production through the winter
- CEO Margaret Morgan-Hubbard recognized with **Distinguished Leadership Award** as a Citizen Planner from National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association
- Busboys and Poets and Eatonville **restaurants recognize ECO as a supplier** on their menus

