



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Julia Robey Christian, PIO, (202) 741-0842 desk, (202) 450-7878 cell, julia.christian@dc.gov

DOEE AND DDOT AWARD FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT CANOPY 3,000 SCHOOLYARD AND PARKLAND TREE PLANTING

WASHINGTON, DC, May 12, 2016—The Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) have awarded funding to Washington Parks & People (WPP) and Casey Trees to provide tree planting services in support of [Canopy 3,000](#)—a public-private partnership aimed at expanding the number of trees planted on private property and public spaces throughout the District.

“This is an important milestone in our ongoing efforts to make the District a greener, healthier, more beautiful city for current and future generations,” said DOEE Director Tommy Wells. “Increasing the number of native trees in our schoolyards, parks, and private properties improves air quality, effectively manages stormwater pollution, and helps mitigate the effects of climate change.”

This funding will enable WPP and Casey Trees to develop and implement tree planting plans on schools grounds, District parklands, public spaces, and private properties in the District— with a focus on historically underserved communities and tracts of land. These plantings will accelerate the District’s progress toward meeting the [Sustainable DC Plan](#) goal of covering 40% of the District with a healthy tree canopy by 2032.

###