Welcome to the Food Forest at Grove St. Park

The Grove St. Park Food Forest provides a place to forage and enjoy fresh food. In addition to food, this forest provides shade, habitat for wildlife and attracts pollinators.

A food forest is a diverse planting of edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature. This forest will grow year after year without the reliance of fertilizer or pesticides, thus sustaining itself. As time passes, fallen tree decay and other leafy debris returns nutrients to the soil.

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There are many different edible and pollinator plants in this food forest. Can you spot any of these?

Persimmon This deciduous, medium-sized tree, is known for its deep green, oval leaves and distinctively, deeply furrowed grey-brown bark. It produces edible, bright orange, sweet fruit in late autumn after the first frost.

Pawpaw This deciduous, pollinator tree is known for producing large edible, banana-mango flavored fruit that has a custard like texture. Harvest is typically in late August to mid-October.

Elderberry This multi-stemmed deciduous plant produces dark, edible berries in the fall. The fruit is used in jams, jellies, and wine. Harvest is typically in August and September. Note, berries should be cooked before eating.

Spicebush This deciduous shrub features aromatic, spice-scented leaves and twigs with glossy red berries. Harvest is typically in late August to mid-October.

Highbush blueberry This deciduous shrub produces large, sweet, edible blue-black berries. Harvest is typically in mid-June to August.