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Sustaining Our Mission: H1 2018 Public Events Highlights

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Periodically, we like to illustrate highpoints of action that serve our mission. These highpoints are focused on community engagement activities. We squared away the first half (H1) of 2018 with community engagement that included conservation through partnership and public education. The aim of each community engagement activity was to move closer to our mission by conducting action that supports a clean and healthy natural environment. In this issue, we illustrate key highlights of community and education programming from the first half of 2018.

Food Forest STEM Science Festival – Spring 2018

In Spring 2018, Waste for Use partnered with organizers of the Food Forest STEM Science Festival to offer elementary school students of Atlanta Public Schools an educational experience to learn about healthy environmental practices such as composting and creative recycling methods.



The Food Forest STEM Science Festival was hosted at the Atlanta Food Forest. The Food Forest is a City of Atlanta public park located in the Browns Mill neighborhood of Atlanta – GA. The Food Forest is transformed from an abandoned farm area to a community park space that accommodates plans for building community gardens, a fruit and nut orchard, walking trails, and gathering spaces.

The Spring Food Forest STEM Science Festival opened at 9:30 am on April 10, 2018 for approximately 150 second grade students. The festival featured multiple partner organizations that donated time to engage students in learning experiences about broad environmental topics. Each organization was posted at the festival with an activity station for students to visit. Students were organized by groups of 7 – 15 and rotated from one station to another.

At the festival, Waste for Use engaged nearly 150 second grade students in education about composting and creative ways to recycle. The festival provided an outlet for us to bring constructive information to students that are in formative stages of development. We think opportunities such as the Food Forest STEM Science Festival are a great way to serve our mission. Learn more about the [Food Forest](#).

Creative Recycling Craft Workshop – Spring 2018



In another public education event during spring 2018, Waste for Use helped participants kick off the 2018 summer with cool recycling ideas. On June 09, 2018, Waste for Use hosted a creative recycling craft workshop at an Atlanta- Fulton County public library. The workshop was guided by the support of a generous and skilled volunteer instructor. Participants were guided through an introductory course on how to utilize used plastic bags to create modern accessories such as purses, wallets, and ornaments.

The principles provided in the workshop are fun ideas but they are also meaningful recycling methods that help shape a natural environment that accommodates requirements for human health. Learn more about [programs and services](#) at Waste for Use.