

Friends of Ellington Field & Gardens

In 2010, the Burleith Citizens Association established The Friends of Ellington Field & Gardens to spearhead the community's partnership with the Duke Ellington School and DC Public Schools to renovate and rejuvenate Ellington Field. The Field, situated between 38th and 39th Streets and stretching from S Street to Reservoir Road, has long been used by community residents, schools and athletic groups.

In June 2010, the District government launched a massive renovation of the field, including investing in an extensive new landscaping project involving the planting of thousands of new shrubs, trees and bulbs. The Friends of Ellington Field & Gardens Committee serves as a steward of the Field and as the community's link with the District to ensure the field remains a safe, green and enjoyable place for community residents to go for a run, kick around a soccer ball, or enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon picnic. In partnership with Casey Trees, the community planted 30 new trees that we are responsible for watering and monitoring for two years.

The District's contract to maintain the new landscaping will end soon, so the community will have to assume a greater responsibility for the continuing care of the Gardens. The Committee actively seeks new volunteers who are willing to lend a helping hand.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining The Friends of Ellington Field & Gardens, please contact Rich Field at ellington@burleith.org