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Get Involved!

Adopt-a-Garden and be recognized with a sign on site:

 **Financial sponsors:** We are connecting businesses and philanthropists to garden sites to cover ongoing material and labor costs. This provides a direct outlet for local giving as well as a great opportunity for community recognition.

 **Caretakers:** We are seeking volunteer groups to maintain the food forests. Church groups, classrooms, offices, or individuals will receive detailed guidance. Landscapers and farmers can showcase their work independently within some parameters.

Volunteer: Join our volunteer crew and help out when you can.

Donate: The more support we receive, the more gardens we can plant!

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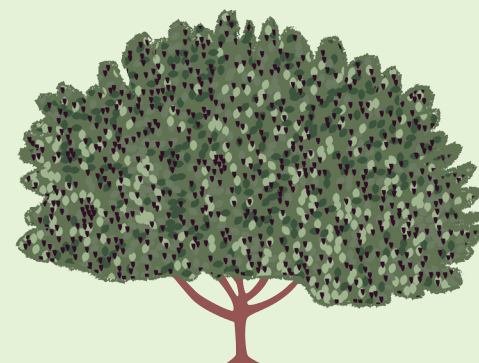
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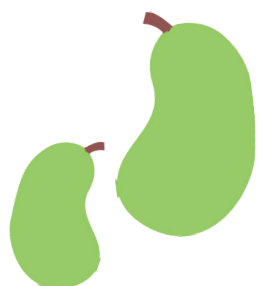
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What We Do



We are transforming our unused public landscapes into educational food forests, free for the community to enjoy.

Food forests are perennial edible ecosystems full of fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, herbs and vegetables, groundcovers, vines, and fungi.

Why Public Food Forests?

- Produce an abundance of healthy food for the community to enjoy.
- Educate the public through handmade signage and information sheets.
- Improve the health of the ecosystem and wildlife.
- Increase harvest and decrease maintenance over time.

Who We Are



The Edible Trails Project is an initiative of the non-profit ISLAND. The project is highly collaborative and works closely with SEEDS, TART Trails, the TBAISD, Perennial Harvest, and nearly twenty other local partners.

Volunteers and youth are leading the charge. Students from the TBAISD Career Tech Center grow seeds and cuttings, and young workers from the SEEDS and TC High YouthCorps programs help care for the gardens and nursery.

Our Gardens

Cedar Lake Food Forest is located in the Leelanau Conservancy's DeYoung Natural Area on TART's Leelanau Trail.

Cedar Creek Food Forest is also located on TART's Leelanau Trail across from Orchard Creek Assisted Living.

We have made connections to plant at least eight more sites in 2015, pending funding.



Michigan's Forgotten Fruits



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We are Evolving

2014: We sought \$3000 in donations through an online crowdfunding campaign and received over \$5000. In the fall we planted two public food forests on TART's Leelanau Trail.

2015: As we continue to grow the two gardens, we also have broken ground on two food forests at schools with SEEDS. We are planning six more sites with various community partners. We are also actively expanding our project nursery in collaboration with SEEDS and the TBAISD Career Tech Center. The nursery will soon be located at the SEEDS Farm in the Historic Barns Park.

