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DCH Receives \$10,000 Bank of America Grant to Support Greening Programs

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Center for Horticulture (DCH) recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to enhance our Public Landscapes and Urban Agriculture programs. The funding supports general operations of both program areas, which create healthy neighborhoods through the preservation, creation, and restoration of green space.

“Receiving this generous support from Bank of America allows DCH to continue expanding our valuable work in Public Landscapes and Urban Agriculture through our Urban Farm and Community Gardens program,” said Vikram Krishnamurthy, DCH’s Executive Director. “Public landscapes make the diverse world of public horticulture prominent and accessible to all people, and our urban agriculture initiatives provide opportunities for communities to grow their own fresh produce. These programs represent a vital part of our mission, and we are so grateful to Bank of America for their support of and appreciation for this important work.”

Annually, DCH’s Public Landscapes program designs, establishes, and maintains more than 40 sites throughout the city of Wilmington and New Castle County. From traffic islands to sidewalks, our Public Landscapes team creates appealing plant designs that boldly meet the challenges of urban and suburban life, which often create individual microclimates on a block-by-block basis. Hardy and context-sensitive, these plantings infuse the cityscape with unique beauty and character while also serving as a valuable economic development indicator. Bank of America’s grant funding supports current and future operations of the existing sites.

The grant funding also enhances current operations of our Urban Agriculture programs, which include a 1,400 square foot urban farm at 12th & Brandywine Streets and more than 40 community gardens throughout New Castle County. These programs, which operate on formerly vacant sites or on the land of local community centers, help city residents realize their own ambitions of growing and eating fresh fruits and vegetables from their gardens. When vacant lots are transformed into community gardens or urban farms, they increase the quality of life by providing access to fresh, nutritional food, beautify areas with flowers and trees, and build a sense of community and neighborhood pride.