

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Steven's Story

"I have always disliked grass. Even as a toddler, I hated the feeling of it on my bare feet. As an informed, active environmentalist, grass represents a missed opportunity. What's the purpose of grass? It doesn't soak up much rain water, you can't eat it, and it doesn't create much habitat.

What if we replaced our front lawns with fruits and vegetable gardens? Or with pollinator friendly plants? Or with a rain garden? They would be a lot prettier and PURPOSEFUL.

When I moved into my first home as an adult, I wanted my property to become a stormwater collecting, pollinator feeding achievement. Little by little, I work every summer to rip up more grass and plant resilient native plants. There's no better feeling than seeing a bee or butterfly pollinating a plant you put in the ground. Some nights I sit on my porch, looking at my grass and picture myself tearing out every last blade. Is this what being an adult is?

Plants have become an important piece of my efforts towards a more sustainable world. When cycling or walking, it is surprising how much more of your surroundings you take in. So much inspiration for my garden has come from walking or cycling around the city. The money I have saved on gas by choosing active transportation can be guiltlessly spent on ... you guessed it ... more plants!"

- Steven



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