# Education for the General Public

Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee

2022 - 2023

# Photo Contest

- This exhibit was developed and curated by the Nashville Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee (MSAC) in an effort to raise awareness of environmental issues in Nashville and Davidson County and expand environmental education opportunities for our citizens. This Committee works to advise and support the City's commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors and has developed a Climate Action Plan for the city of Nashville. This Committee also provides advice on a range of sustainability issues and reviews active proposals as they are being advanced and implemented by the Mayor and Metro Council through legislation, executive orders, policy changes and practices.
- Committee members represent various perspectives surrounding sustainability efforts, including those of nonprofit agencies, businesses and academia.
- The Committee thanks Vanderbilt University for printing the materials for this exhibit.



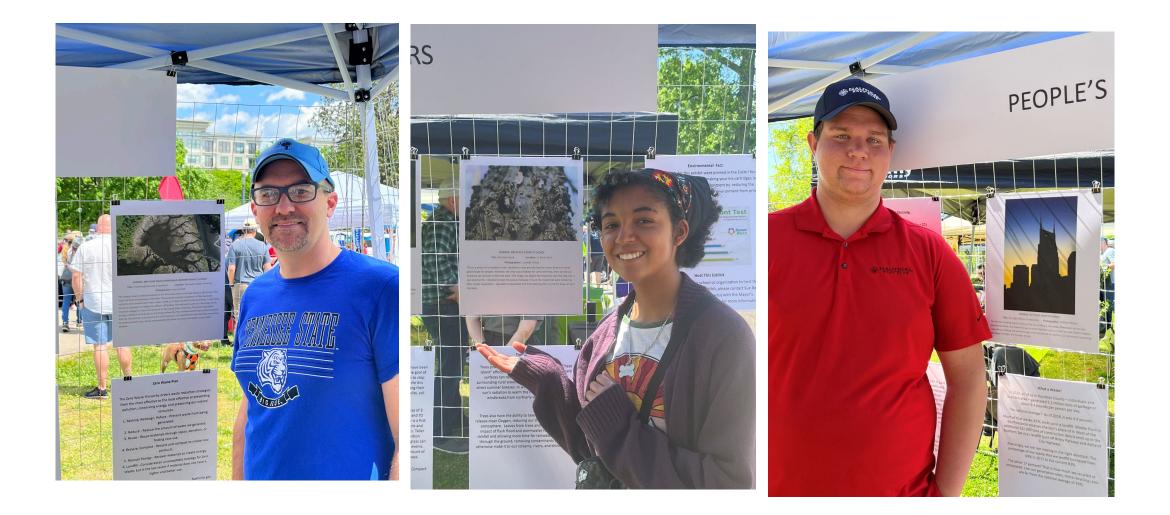
#### WINNER: BEST OF SHOW MSAC PANEL

Title: Salsa Gardening at Mill Ridge Park

Photographer: Darrell Hawks

In this photo Dr. Katherine Dennis, community engagement manager at Friends of Mill Ridge Park, and a child from southeast Nashville harvest vegetables from the salsa garden at Mill Ridge Park. Friends of Mill Ridge Park hosts free activities that engage, teach, and inspire future environmentalists of all ages. The environment benefits when we involve ourselves and our community in simultaneously caring for and being cared for by the environment. The photo represents Resilience with one way that Friends of Mill Ridge Park introduces green infrastructure (gardens, orchards, pumpkin patch, reforestation, native lawns) in southeast Nashville, where there is underinvestment in green infrastructure. Also, the photo represents Resilience by depicting one of the community supports (gardening for fresh food) offered by Friends of Mill Ridge Park. I took the photo because it captures the simplicity by which we can stimulate fascination with nature while inspiring future environmental stewards.

### Earth Day Photo Contest Tent



## Additional Accomplishments

- Developed a draft environmental non-profit survey to catalog who is focused on different aspects of environmental stewardship across Nashville.
- Developed language for the Sustainability Office to use when the general public reaches out to engage in Sustainability efforts in the City.