DUTCHTOWN SOUTH COMMUNITY CORPORATION

ADVANCING NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY

State Street Green

2019
Over the last two and a half years, DSCC led an EPA funded effort we called So Fresh, So Clean, So Creative Southside. Through that initiative we hosted neighborhood clean ups, upcycled art demonstrations, promoted environmental education and information access, as well as cultivated youth leadership with our Community Champions program.

As we wind down the full breadth of those activities, we are concentrating our efforts into launching a green social enterprise, State Street Green. If you haven’t guessed from the photos above, we are going to focus on glass and textile recycling. Read on below to learn about these materials and why recycling them will make an impact for our community and the planet.

What's in our alleys and waste bins?

Through our clean ups, our Community Champions found that textiles were a major component in litter and waste going to the landfill. Did you know DSCC's service area neighborhoods are throwing away 887 tons of textiles per year, worth approximately $35,000? Imagine if we could recycle just 1/3? How about 518 tons of residential glass going to the landfill? That's about $13,000 in the trash can. What if we could bring that value back into our neighborhoods to support other community programs?
DID YOU KNOW...?

Were you aware that glass is one of the few materials that can be recycled continuously? Earlier this year, our Americorps VISTA, Thomas Harwood and Executive Director, Amanda Colon-Smith traveled to a statewide glass recycling conference in Kansas City to learn about how we can bring this sustainable service to our community.

Support the state streets growing greener!
In the coming months we will begin community outreach to launch a pilot program in our neighborhoods. Be on the look out for more ways you can support this new effort.

Ready to support as an early adopter? Join us next Friday, May 17th from 5-8pm at our So Fresh, So Green Cocktail celebration. We will have live jazz, sustainable art and fun facts about glass and textiles to build the excitement for this new effort.