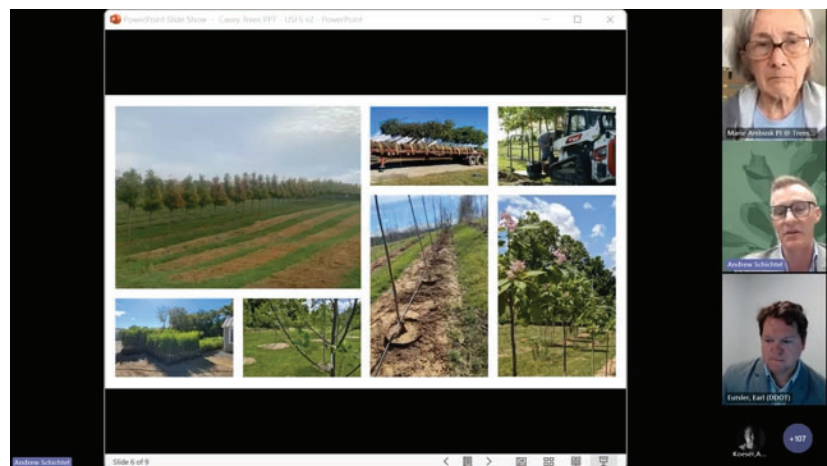


# Growing The Future Urban Forest Together - Casey Trees and The District Department of Transportation

Washington, D.C., boasts a long and rich history of urban planning, highlighted by significant investment in public trees. Building on this legacy, the city has established a durable and well-funded Tree Fund aimed at countering the impacts of tree removal. This fund not only supports tree planting initiatives throughout Washington but has also been instrumental in the establishment of the DC State Nursery at Casey Trees Farm. This partnership was initiated with limited production capacity but was designed with an eye toward responsible growth, prioritizing tree quality above all else.

Over the past five years, the collaboration between the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Casey Trees has flourished, resulting in the nursery now producing more than 2,000 high-quality trees annually. This achievement underscores the effectiveness of their joint efforts in nurturing a sustainable urban forest. The partnership has allowed both organizations to engage in ongoing dialogue, providing essential feedback when challenges such as inflation affect production costs. This proactive communication ensures that the trees being cultivated meet the necessary standards required for the planting projects across the city.



Moreover, the nursery not only serves as a vital resource for urban reforestation but also enhances local biodiversity and ecological resilience in the D.C. area. The partnership exemplifies how strategic collaboration can enhance urban greening efforts, ensuring that Washington, D.C.'s future urban forest is robust, diverse, and reflective of the city's commitment to environmental stewardship. Through their continued work together, Casey Trees and the DDOT are effectively cultivating a greener, healthier city for generations to come.

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