SARE Professional Development Program Grant "Expanding the Agroforestry Regional Knowledge Exchange Network in Virginia"

Demonstration Planting Case Summary

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Demonstration Details

- Agroforestry system planted Alley Cropping & Forest Farming
- Location Sankofa Community Orchard
- Date- Saturday May 24th, 2025
- Volunteers engaged 20
- Species planted goji berry, blueberry, gooseberry, elderberry
- Site Prep methods: cardboard and compost laid down between row crops of strawberries for the elderberries, straight rows of blueberries and gooseberries
- Configurations rows
- Total plants/trees planted 20 Goji Berries, 50 blueberries, 25 elderberries, 20 gooseberries
- Videos Attached

Workshop Details

- Workshop Title: "The Best Time to Plant a Tree Was Yesterday" Urban Agro-Forestry,
 Food Justice & Climate Resilience in Richmond Virginia
- Workshop Description: Introduction to agroforestry in an urban context, why urban agroforestry is important and its benefits focused on techniques and best practices applied by Happily Natural Day across the Richmond region
- Presentation Link https://youtu.be/fbwi4HtJDc?si=meboeiBi9aeE0-9J
- Date Wednesday, May 28th, 2025
- Location Zoom
- Speakers Duron Chavis and Tabitha Bugg (also assisted with demonstration establishment)
- # of attendees: 20
- Types of attendees (farmers, educators, leaders, etc.) Beginning Farmers