

October 17th, 2020 Update

Thank you to *Roots & Shoots*! We had a great time participating in the One Million Trees Initiative. Overall, we planted: 2 American plum, 2 chokecherry, 1 red bud, 2 hawthorne, 2 elderberry, and 2 apple trees. It was a hot and dry summer, but with watering and compost around them, almost all seem to be in good health! Our serviceberry and paw paw trees as well as one apple tree do not appear to have made it, though we may find out otherwise in the spring. We are now observing the leaves from these new trees change color and drop as fall arrives.

We tasted a very small first harvest of wild grapes this year, and observed lots of vine growth for hopefully more to come next season.

We also added bearberry, comfrey, black currant, rhubarb, and walking onion to the space. Sunchokes, mint, and spearmint are alive and well, as are milkweed and lupine. We had a pair of wrens nesting in one of the bird houses this spring/summer and could see bats in the evenings (not sure whether they are living in the bat house or not)!

Thanks again to Jane Goodall and *Roots & Shoots* for supporting our suburban food forest and wildlife haven project!