

**McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture**  
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# **APPENDIX B.3**

**Appendix B.3 – MCSA Press Release**

## The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture Prepares for McMillan Park Zoning Hearings This Week

### Local Group Plans High Tech Farm in Caverns Under McMillan Park Could End Local Food Deserts, Provide Hundreds of Well-paying Jobs, and Seriously Address Childhood Hunger in DC

**Washington, DC, April 24, 2014** – The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (MCSA) announced how their *GreenGrow McMillan Campaign* is being put at risk due to the Deputy Mayor's Office on Planning and Economic Development desire for a massive Planned Unit Development mixed-use project on top of McMillan Park, resulting in the removal of a significant amount of open public space above and the historic vaults underneath the park.

MCSA is a group of citizens living around the McMillan Reservoir as well as other residents concerned about future citywide development impacts starting at McMillan. MCSA's mission is to seek the adaptive reuse of the 20 acres of stable underground caverns beneath McMillan Park to build a high tech urban aquaponic farm to grow local nutrition vegetables and seafood in the heart of NE Washington, DC.

<http://youtu.be/ILzWmw53Wwo>

The GreenGrow Campaign allows the City to turn the historic underground vaults below McMillan Park into a valuable productive civic asset while retaining the much needed 25 acres of green space above in the park for public use.

Daniel Wolkoff, DC resident, noted artist and a key MCSA participant observed, “We can grow enough food in McMillan's safe and secure underground caverns to feed all of DC's food deserts and then sell any surplus for a profit to the City's coffers. Our GreenGrow McMillan campaign will also offer the chance for DC residents to be trained in the new technology economy, as well as share ownership of the production equally with the citizens of Washington DC. And on top of that, our planned technological marvel will attract many curious people to the DC's next big destination bring in more tourist dollars for actual City needs.”

Jerome Peloquin, technical and organizational consultant and MCSA participant is worried that DMPED's proposed McMillan PUD will permanently forestall the GreenGrow Campaign and result in environmental degradation still yet to be evaluated. “Our interests are concretely injured by the short sighted intent to destroy much of the last green space left in DC to build a Tysons Corner 2.0.” Peloquin continued, “The Mayor wants to ‘surplus,’ the land as having no productive public use and ‘give’ it to developers who intend to continue their climate changing exploitation. We believe DMPED is acting in bad faith by fostering corporate greed at the expense of DC's children and future.”

**Zoning hearings regarding the Mayor's current McMillan redevelopment proposal and PUD begin this week, starting Thursday, May 1 at the DC Zoning Commission hearing room located at 441 4th Street NW, Suite 200 South. Hearings begin at 6:00pm.**



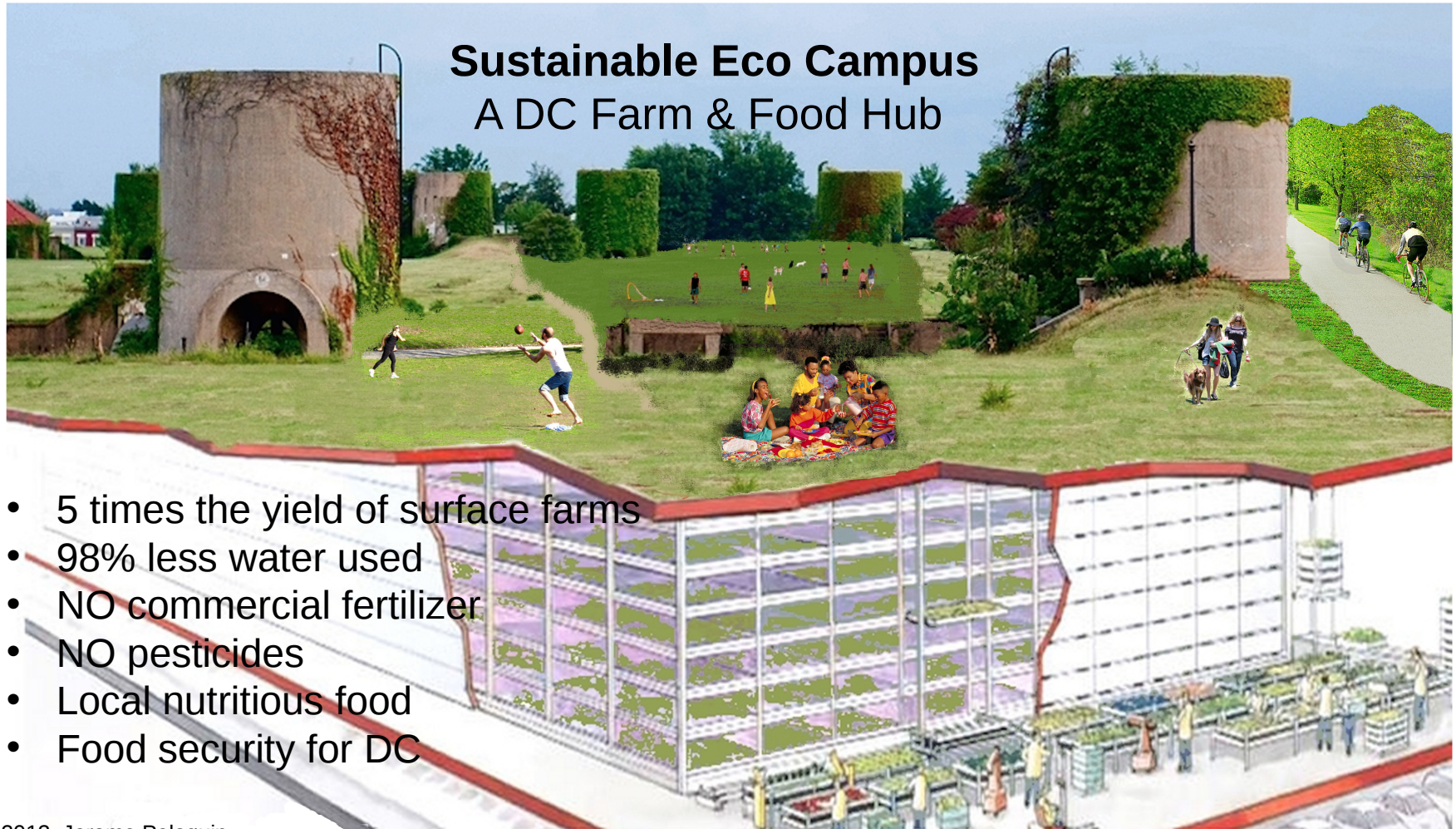
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# **APPENDIX B.4**

**MCSA Alternative McMillan Plan**

# Adaptive Re-Use McMillan Park and Underground

## Sustainable Eco Campus A DC Farm & Food Hub



- 5 times the yield of surface farms
- 98% less water used
- NO commercial fertilizer
- NO pesticides
- Local nutritious food
- Food security for DC

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## Green Tech Urban Aquaponic Farm 20 acres of under surface galleries

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