



The National Arboretum is pleased to welcome Geoffrey Rinehart as Grass Roots Initiative Coordinator. In this important role, Geoff will oversee construction of the Grass Roots exhibit and be in charge of its day-to-day maintenance. In addition, he will be available to answer questions and interact with visitors at the exhibit, coordinate homeowner workshops/demonstrations and professional symposia at the Arboretum, coordinate the Grass Roots webpage maintenance and social media outreach, collaborate with turf managers at Arlington National Cemetery and the National Mall in the development of a National

Greenscape Corridor, and assist with turf management strategies at the Arboretum.

Geoff has 15 years experience in the turfgrass/landscape industry working in various parts of the country, which allows him to bring a national perspective to this project. He earned Bachelor's degrees in Turfgrass Management and Landscape Contracting from Virginia Tech and a Master's in Turfgrass Science at Michigan State University. His experience has included working on golf courses in Maryland, Colorado, and Washington State. In addition to landscape maintenance, installation, and irrigation work in Washington State and Hawaii, Geoff spent 5 ½ years as a research technician conducting turfgrass science research at Washington State University and has 4 years' experience conducting outreach and education to promote landscaping best management practices for homeowners and professionals in Tacoma, WA.

Geoff welcomes your questions and comments. Contact him at Geoffrey.Rinehart@ars.usda.gov.