

UC Green Paul Robeson House Community Garden Project

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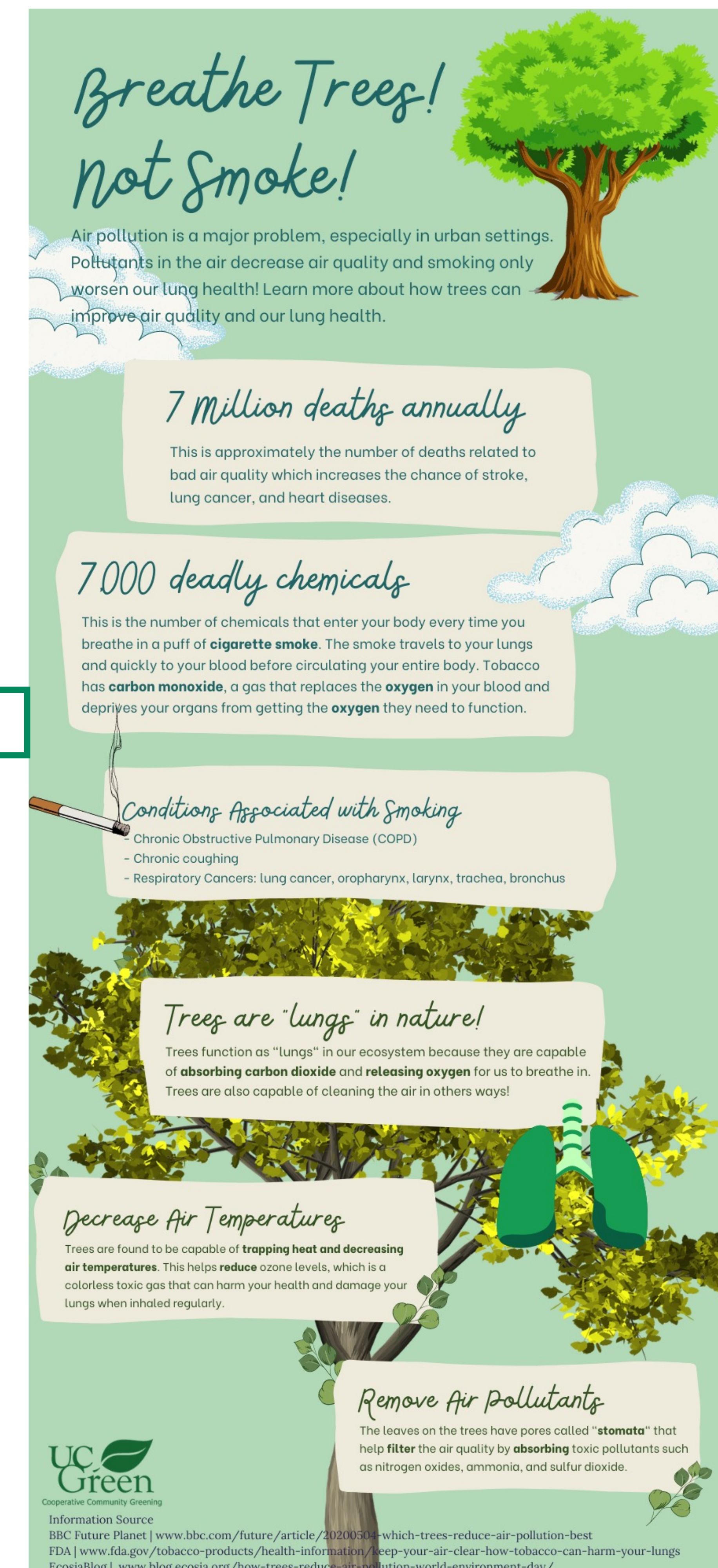
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PROJECT OUTCOMES

UC Green is a nonprofit organization started in University City with a mission to improve the West Philadelphia neighborhoods and promote a greener Philadelphia with its motto "Trees make great neighbors." The founding vision was for UC Green to be the bridge that fosters connection between community organizations, city agencies, university students, and residents on local environmental efforts. This is accomplished by the organization's efforts to empower volunteer environmental stewardship among community members through partnerships, such as with Bartram Gardens and Holly Street Neighbors Community Garden, and educational initiatives. UC Green also coordinate community engagement projects and addresses barriers residents have related to greening and tree planting. While the organization is operating with both in-person and remote operations due to COVID-19, UC Green remains active in supporting the growth and prosperity of West Philadelphia.



Garden Space at the Paul Robeson House



Tree Infographic

PROJECTS

- Developed an educational pamphlet on the positive impact and importance of tree planting in urban spaces in relation to lung health
- Coordinated a research team composed of skilled horticulture and enthusiastic neighbors to build an "intentional" garden aimed to promote wellness and mindfulness in the community for the Paul Robeson House, a historic cultural center in West Philadelphia
- Facilitated weekly discussions among the team to and organized research material for members
- Conducted an interview with a West Philadelphia resident for the story-telling imitative and gained a better understanding of the issues and changes in Philadelphia

Garden Project Logistics

Plant List Assignment Form

I am interested in participating in the program and to keep things moving please fill out the form to add plants to our compilation list for our intentional garden. The important theme for the garden is to promote wellness and be a boon for Blackness for the community as they walk to the front porch of the Paul Robeson House. To achieve this vision, we should incorporate plants that represent and celebrate Blackness from its color, texture, movement, scent, and more. We can also incorporate medicinal plants that align with our vision of promoting wellness within the community. After compiling a list, we will be able to move onto the next part - our garden design! Thank you!

* Required

Email *

Your email

Plant List Assignment Form

Theme for the Paul Robeson House Garden

What are the top 3 themes that resonate with you that you believe the garden should focus on?

Choose up to 3 themes you would like the garden to be focused on.

☐ Blackness/Blackness - embrace the social and spirit of the Black community & Paul Robeson

☐ Black Garden - a garden celebrating Blackness in the 1960s-1970s

☐ Independence of Blackness

☐ Mental Health & Wellness - medicinal garden

☐ Rain for Blackness - a soothing and comforting garden for present day members of the community

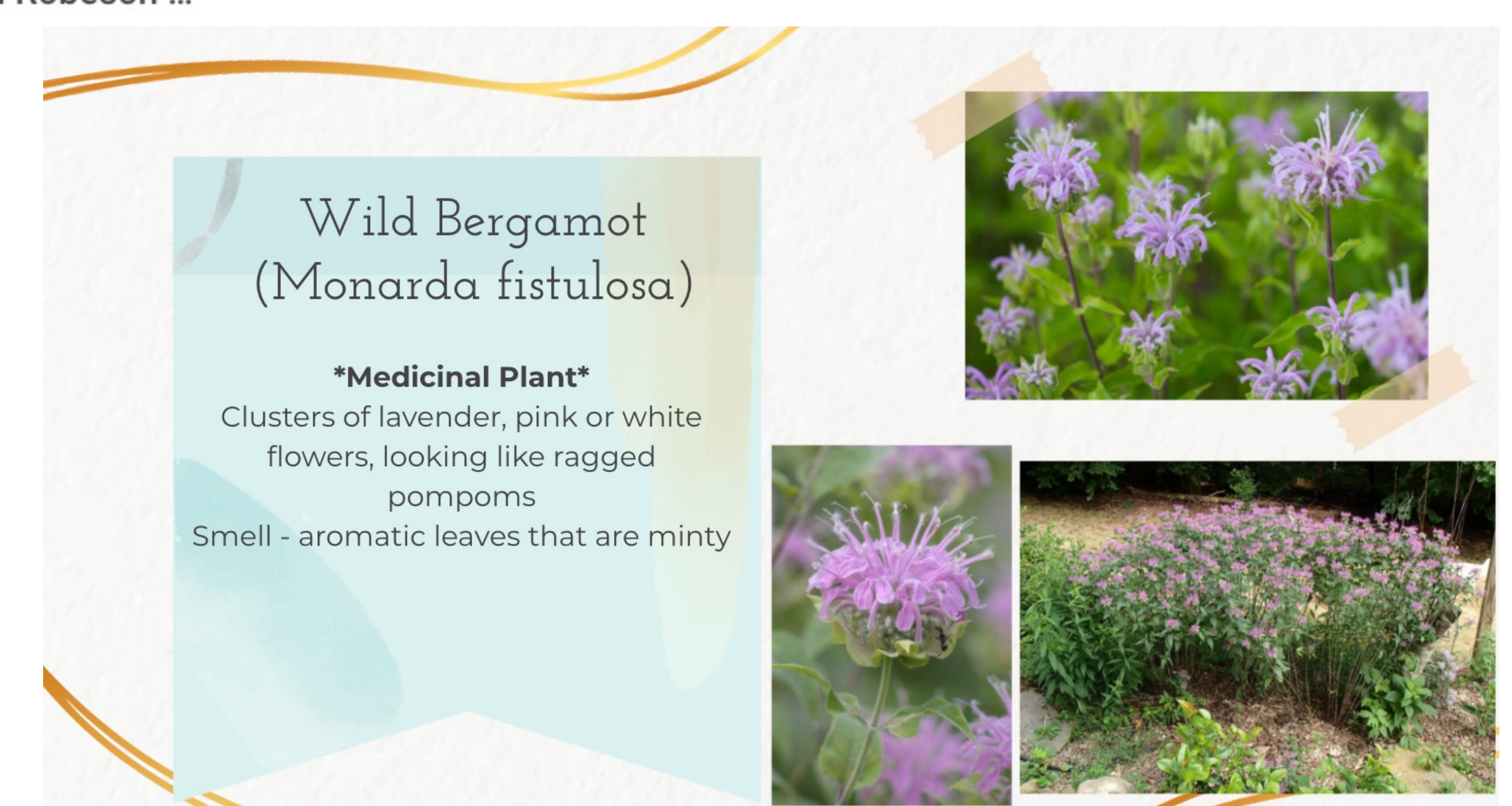
☐ The nature of the Robeson family & society - a garden marking when the members of society would exist in their garden of this time

☐ Other

Theme for the Paul Robeson ...



REFLECTION



Comprehensive Plant List

"Prior to working at UC Green, I did not know the extent of the positive impact trees have in our community. However, I am proud to say UC Green has opened my eyes to the existing connection between community greening and community health while providing me with the chance to engage in a community project that will benefit the neighbors of West Philadelphia. This summer as a BTG intern has also enhanced my communication and collaborative skills in a team setting that I will be taking with me in my future endeavors."

- Clarisa Yee