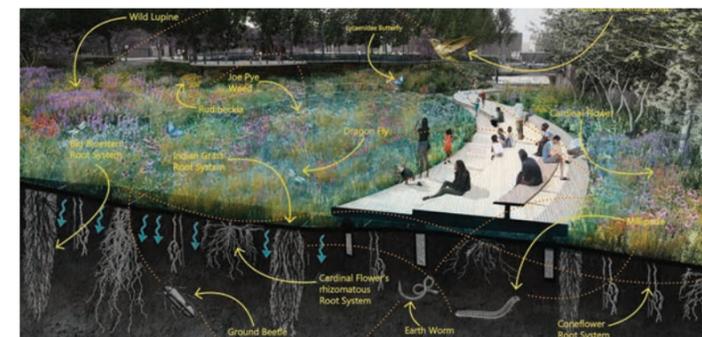


# Beauty in the Commonplace



In 2020, undergraduate landscape architecture student **Benjamin Nardi** received a top award from the American Society of Landscape Architecture for his plan to turn a one-acre urban brownfield site into a space filled with native flora and fauna and urban agriculture. His dual goal: responding to the hopes, dreams and concerns of the area's residents; and connecting them to the land's watershed roots. "I wanted to give voice to people traditionally without much of a voice. This is their design, not mine," says Nardi. ■

One of Nardi's first steps: imaging the existing site through sketches and photographs.



Nardi's plan included a detailed approach for reestablishing native wetland flora.

The "Bird's Nest" feature, enabling residents to be in closer touch with urban fauna.

