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Enjoy “Lower Mills History Walk” Through Milton and Dorchester May 2nd

Free event hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

BOSTON, MA, April 10, 2009 – The Neponset River flowing through Milton and Dorchester played a significant role in American history. Native Americans used the water way and river banks to trade fur, and colonists built water-powered grist mills to make flour, gunpowder and paper. The area was the site for shipbuilding, America’s first railroad (to transport granite and lumber) and of course, the country’s first chocolate factory.

On Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m., join Boston Natural Areas Network and local author and historian Anthony Sammarco for a walking tour of the “Chocolate River” through Dorchester Lower Mills/Milton Village that will emphasize the Neponset River’s historical use by Native Americans – who originally called Milton “Unquity” or Lower Falls – as well as the Baker Chocolate Factory and other historical landmarks.

Participants will meet at the Milton stop on the Red Line trolley near Adams Street in Dorchester Lower Mills/Milton Village. This program is free and open to the public, and cancels only in extreme weather. For more information, please contact Boston Natural Areas Network at 617-542-7696 or visit www.bostonnatural.org.

Anthony Sammarco has authored more than 40 books on the history and development of Boston. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his historical teaching and writing, including the Charles Bulfinch Award from the Doric Dames of the Massachusetts State House and the Washington Medal of Honor from the Freedom Foundation.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways and urban wilds. For further information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit www.bostonnatural.org, or call 617-542-7696.

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