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Work of Boston's Youth Conservation Corps Celebrated
Celebration and Tours hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

BOSTON, MA, August 2, 2010 – On Thursday, August 12 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Boston Natural Areas Network will host at 62 Summer Street, Boston, a celebration of the hard work and accomplishments of the Youth Conservation Corps. YCC participants will share presentations on their summer accomplishments and a special slideshow with the highlights of their activities.

On Friday August 13 at each YCC team will provide onsite tours with presentations detailing their achievements. Presentations will begin with the East Boston Team at 8:30 am at East Boston Greenway Caboose near South Bremen & Marginal Streets. The Neponset River Team will meet for tours at 10:30 am at the Hallet Street Entrance to Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester. And the Urban Wilds team will meet at 12:30 pm at the Allendale Woods Urban Wild, behind Annunciation Church, 7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury.

39 youth have spent the summer at work painting murals, clearing brush, taking out invasive species and creating new habitat and walkable trails. Youth conservation teams, supported by neighboring community volunteers and partnerships among government and local non-profits, worked over the summer building new and refurbishing old trails and bridges in the Allendale Woods Urban Wild in Jamaica Plain, creating new habitat and supporting new plantings at Pope John Paul II park in Dorchester and painting murals along the East Boston Greenway. The East Boston crew also landscaped along the Greenway and did conservation projects in nearby Belle Isle Marsh. While completing this work, BNAN YCC teens learned about urban forest ecosystems, wetlands, invasive versus native plants and different types of conservation protection for natural areas.

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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