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## **Boston Natural Areas Network Launches Boston Orchard Program**

*BNAN to Promote Stewardship of Boston's Fruit Trees*

**BOSTON, MA – February 22, 2011** – Boston Natural Areas Network, Boston's leading steward of community gardens, is pleased to announce it is launching the **Boston Orchard Program** to provide support and education for the care and cultivation of Boston's fruit trees and orchards located on public lands throughout the City of Boston.

As part of the Boston Orchard Program, Boston Natural Areas Network is partnering with the Food Project, the Boston Tree Party, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to bring you two free pruning workshops where you will learn how and when to make pruning cuts that will boost fruit production and improve the health of local trees.

On Saturday March 5, as part of the Food Project's Winter Workshop Series, John Bunker, Pomologist from Super Chilly Farm in Maine will provide pruning tips at the Shirley-Eustis House Orchard located at 33 Shirley Street in Roxbury.

On Saturday March 12, Ben Crouch, sole proprietor of Jamaica Plain's Land of Plenty Gardens will provide more information about pruning at the Blake House Orchard located at 735 Columbia Road in Dorchester.

The free programs, for everyone interested in learning more about protecting their trees begin at 10 a.m. Reservations are required. Contact BNAN at 617-542-7696 or [info@bostonnatural.org](mailto:info@bostonnatural.org).

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Boston Natural Areas Network is pleased to succeed the work of Earthworks, Inc. which after many years of exemplary stewardship has closed its doors.

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 more information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696.

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