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**Boston Natural Areas Network Hosts First Meeting
of the Boston Urban Forest Council
Monday-November 21 at 6:00 p.m.**

BOSTON, MA – November 9, 2011 Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) will host the first meeting of the Boston Urban Forest Council at the BNAN office, 62 Summer Street, Boston, on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. If you think trees are important and you are interested in improving and expanding Boston's Urban Forest, please join us and become a part of a resident based stewardship & advocacy group whose goals are to promote, plant and care for trees in Boston.

The Boston Urban Forest Council has been convened to support the Grow Boston Greener initiative which has a program goal to plant 100,000 trees by 2020 and increase the urban tree canopy from 29% to 35% and make Boston a cooler, cleaner, healthier city. The goals of Grow Boston Greener are to increase tree canopy, mitigate heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, improve air quality and improve storm water management. The Boston Urban Forest Council will promote the program, advocate for more trees and assist neighborhoods interested in planting trees and organizing stewardship activities to ensure the trees' survival.

By increasing the city's tree canopy cover, Grow Boston Greener will make our city a healthier place to live and visit. The trees will improve air quality, provide shade, cool our neighborhoods, and lower energy consumption (and therefore carbon emissions). At the same time, the initiative will make Boston a safer, stronger city by providing beautiful spaces for families and neighbors to meet. This effort is a collaboration between the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston Natural Areas Network, the U.S. Forest Service and Boston's Urban Forest Council.

So if you are interested in joining the effort, or just want to learn more about trees in Boston, please join us Monday, November 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm. The office is located at 62 Summer Street (between South Station and Downtown Crossing) and is easily accessible by the Red, Green or Orange lines. To reserve your spot please call 617-542-7696 ext 20 or email mathew@bostonnatural.org

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 or call 617-542-7696

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