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UEI's CityRoots 2010 Season Kicks Off with Grant from Garden Club of the Back Bay



Boston, Massachusetts – June 21, 2010 - As the 2010 CityRoots season kicks off this month, The Urban Ecology Institute (UEI) is the recipient of a 2010 grant from the Garden Club of the Back Bay, in Boston. As with prior grants awarded to UEI by the Garden Club in 2009 and 2008, this grant will support the implementation of CityRoots urban re-greening projects that engage community groups in the transformation of their communities through greenspace installations, tree plantings, low-impact landscaping, and water conservation initiatives. The 2010

CityRoots commenced Wednesday, June 9, with a kick-off event for the following four groups selected for funding:

- The John McCormack Civic Association (North Dorchester): partnering with the William E. Russell School to install and maintain a new outdoor classroom space.
- The Boston Project Ministries – TNT Green Space Initiative (Codman Square, Dorchester): creating and implementing a tree planting plan for the Norfolk Street Corridor.
- United Neighborhood Association (Four Corners, Dorchester): improving greenspace, sustainably landscaping private yards, and installing a green roof on the newly-constructed community tool shed that was part of a former CityRoots project.
- Uphams Corner Westside Neighborhood Association (Uphams Corner, Dorchester): planning for community garden space through soil quality testing, increased public outreach, and the installation of raised bed garden plots, in partnership with The Food Project.

Now entering its eighth year, CityRoots has engaged 32 neighborhood and community groups – 16 of which have been partners for two or more years – and over 700 individuals of all ages in projects of ecological restoration and urban re-greening.

To learn more about UEI and CityRoots, please visit www.urbaneco.org. For more information on the Garden Club of the Back Bay, visit www.gardenclubbackbay.org

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