



# GreenBeat

The National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Program and Groundwork USA have teamed up to engage youth from diverse backgrounds with their local National Parks as part of the Groundwork Green Team Program.

**Here's what's happening**



## Learning and Preserving

*Local youth teams participate in tours and service days at their local national parks*

### Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP

**More than 120 New England-area youth** combined strengths at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Vermont. Team members from the Boston African American NHS Trailblazers joined the Spindle City Corps, Thompson Island Green Corps and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps students for a trail project service day at the park and camping trip to Silver Lake Campsite. Teams divided into 11 groups to rake leaves and tackle drainage issues on the park's carriage roads. By the end

of their trip, youth were able to use the trail they had just cleared and enjoy some other great camping activities.

Amy Glowacki, Interpretation Ranger at Lowell NHP, leads the Spindle City Corps and told GreenBeat about the team members' experiences: "Nataly Lozada mentioned the trip to Vermont was unique as she does not think she will ever go to Vermont again. She also enjoyed working with other teens from different places and hearing what they thought of the project.



A few participants told us about their favorite experiences from the trip. Adrian Rodriguez and Edwin Colon loved the new experiences including the beautiful views of the stars over Silver Lake. They got to see crayfish, fresh water clams and a giant toad.

Saram Roueth went canoeing and paddle boating for the first time. "It was fun," said the young man of few words, grinning from ear to ear. He received a new nickname on this trip, "Moi." Saram is one of four Cambodians on a crew comprised of Dominicans and Puerto Ricans. They were playing the card game "Uno" and he had trouble with the Spanish word for "one," so he used his native word "Moi" and it stuck as his new nickname.

Dayry Alvarez loved the banana with chocolate chips and mini marshmallows roasted on the campfire in aluminum foil. "A new Spindle City camping tradition was born!" he declared.

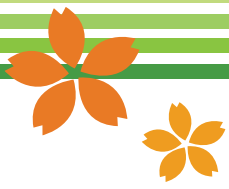
Not only does the teams' work support park maintenance, it also supports the park's mission. Given to the American people by Laurance and Mary Rockefeller, the site was previously owned by Frederick Billings, and before that George Perkins Marsh, one of the nation's first conservationists. The park celebrates these environmental pioneers and educates visitors on the evolution of conservation and stewardship in America. Youth realized that they are part of a new generation of park stewards responsible for preserving the park for the future.



## GW Concord Green Team Visits Saint-Gaudens NHS

History and art come alive at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H. Named for 19th-century sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the site that was once his home and studio is now a tribute to his work and legacy, surrounded by lush landscapes and beautiful gardens. The eight-member GW Concord Green Team recently visited Saint-Gaudens to learn more about the famous artist and work with park staff to help maintain the site.

Saint-Gaudens Natural Resource Manager Stephen Walasewicz took the Green Team on a tour of the grounds. Youth viewed the park's coin collection, statues and gardens. Over 100 pieces of Saint-Gaudens' work are preserved there, including monuments, portraits and coin designs.



Later, the Green Team joined forces with the Student Conservation Association Northeast Invasive Species Control Team to help NPS staff with a service project. The teams removed Japanese Lilac and Norway Maple that had spread into the surrounding forest.

“Saint-Gaudens NHS was fortunate to benefit from assistance provided recently by Groundwork Concord, as their Green Team helped remove invasive vegetation from the park. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and the park hopes to partner with Groundwork Concord again in the future,” said Walasewicz.

