

# GreenBeat

The National Park Service and GroundworkUSA® have teamed up to engage urban youth with their local National Parks, as part of their participation in the GW Green Team Program. Here's what's happening...



## Lowell Celebration

More than 150 teenagers came together at Lowell National Historic Park to celebrate their summer accomplishments at the 2007 Youth Summit on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Participating Groundwork USA Green Teams and NPS Youth Conservation Corps groups included: Groundwork Concord, GW Somerville, GW Lawrence, GW Denver, Boston African American NHS Trailblazers, Lowell NHP and Community Teamwork Inc.'s Lowell Spindle City Corps, Thompson Island

Outward Bound Green Corps. Youth leaders from AmeriCorps and Student Conservation Association also took part in the event. NPS staff, team leaders and parents joined the youth to watch the teams' creative presentations about the improvements they made in their communities this summer. Keep reading below for Youth Summit highlights from the GW Lawrence Green Team. Congratulations to all the teams for their great work this summer!

"I feel that working with the team is going to change the way I am going to look at the environment, but most of all, my outlook on friendship. I love being called a member of the Green Team because we are making a difference in society and helping to make the world a better place."

Rhay Garrett.

### Youth Summit 2007

By: GW Lawrence Green Team members

Toward the end of the summer the Green Teams were able to come together for one last time with the other youth groups we had met throughout our summer experiences. The Youth

Summit which was held in Lowell was a chance to let each group express their experiences and share what they learned throughout the summer. We as the Green Team were given the opportunity to show a slide show and express our personal opinions about the job. All the youth groups performed skits

and showed slide shows. At the end of the summit there was an award ceremony in which certain awards were given to the kids that had worked the hardest or showed the highest level of commitment. The Summit was a concluding get together and that gave us the privilege of seeing each other one last time before the start of school.

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