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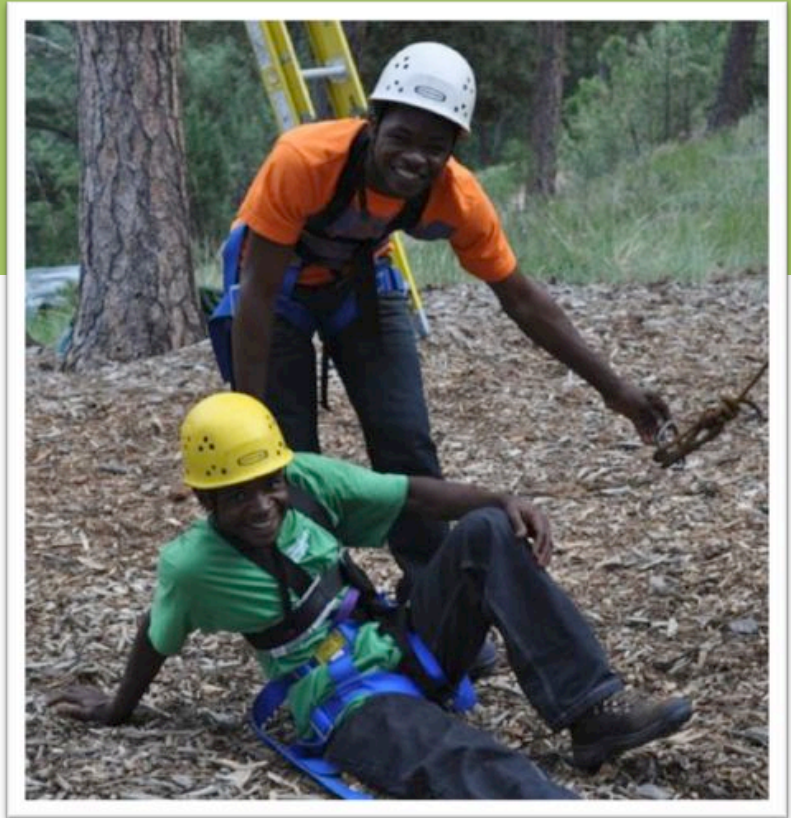
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GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION

Groundwork Trusts in Richmond, Providence, Denver, and Washington, DC strut their stuff

GROUNDWORK RICHMOND

The Green Team from GW Richmond is approaching their partnership with the National Park Service in a new and innovative way: the team will be focusing on greening their surrounding communities through the distribution of environmental multimedia presentations. The presentations will be distributed in the form of brochures, and other printed materials as well as in multimedia projects for distribution through Groundwork USA, the National Park Service, the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park and local government outlets, schools, television stations and websites. Through these presentations, the GW Richmond Green Team will raise local environmental awareness and concern over Richmond's green spaces, and educate and excite community members.

GW Richmond will be providing team members with training in safety procedures, report writing, leadership skills and public speaking, all of which will prove useful with the construction of their presentations as well as with their hands on service projects. The Park staff members will also inform team members about employment opportunities within the National Park Service.



GROUNDWORK ANACOSTIA RIVER DC

The Green Team from Washington DC will be focusing mostly on service projects in the National Capital Parks-East Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, as well as in Fort Mahan Park. The Team will provide the Parks with valuable ecological assistance by removing invasive and exotic plants from the Parks' trails and gardens. Additionally the team will install several fitness stations at locations in and around the Park, repair trail surfaces, do general weeding, maintain rain gardens, plant beds and care for the Parks' many trees. The Team will also work around the aquatic gardens at Kenilworth Park and remove trash and debris from the Anacostia River. They will also maintain the local "Bandalong Trash Trap". Team members will then record measurements on the amount and types of types of trash, and monitor water quality.

GROUNDWORK PROVIDENCE

The simple act of recycling can go a long way. Recycling helps to not only cut back on unnecessary natural resource extraction but it also reduces common forms of street pollution in urban areas, thus contributing to the creation of green spaces in our communities. That's why Groundwork Providence is making recycling a focus of their summer Green Team initiative: the team plans to kick-start a new summer recycling campaign in the nearby Roger Williams National Memorial Park.



In the first phase the team will survey members of the public about their recycling habits within the Park and then similarly question staff at the nearby Miriam

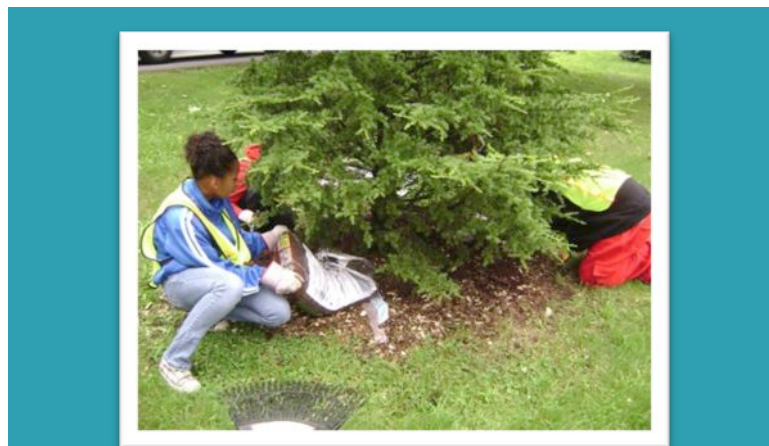


Hospital. The team will then visit the Park regularly to collect trash and sort recycling, after which the recycling will be taken for measurement and submission to a local Resource Recovery Center.

For the next phase of the campaign the Team will design, build, and install two customized recycling bins with the help of "Steelyard", a local metal working non-profit. The bins and an additional descriptive sign will all be constructed from recycled materials. After their installation, Team members and National Park Service staff will compare the amount of recycling done before and after

their efforts.

The team is also planning to undertake other community projects such as the construction of therapeutic gardens at a nearby hospital, and the conversion of a vacant lot into a community garden and recreation area.



GROUNDWORK DENVER

Groundwork Denver is adding new depth and dimension to the meaning of environmental stewardship. The Green Teams from Denver will be tackling and engaging in several summer programs with both cultural and ecological focuses: the junior portion (Summer of Service Team) of Groundwork Denver will be traveling to the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, where they will be working on service projects with youth from both the Cheyenne and Arapaho nations. While the service projects will hopefully help team members learn about community solutions to environmental issues, the big lessons learned will come through facilitated discussion and cultural exchange. The team members will discuss varying European and



Native American philosophies on land and resource ownership with tribal elders, exploring the different ideas behind what nature really is and the different effects of contemporary American conceptualization and claim to it. Through the Summer of Service program and cooperation with the Southwest Conservation Corps, the junior team will also be visiting the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

The Denver Junior Green Team has already spent time in Rocky Mountain National Park, where they've camped with conservation crews and worked to help refurbish an amphitheater. The team has also helped to construct several outdoor tables.



The Denver Senior Green Team will be working in the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge and the Rocky Mountain National Park, where they will be living, camping and interning every Sunday through Friday from July 17th to August 12th. The team will be learning about more than the usual trail maintenance, invasive species control and historical preservation. They will gain valuable lessons about green jobs, and the responsibility of being a park ranger.

PARK LOCATIONS

