

Groundwork Somerville

Mass in Motion Kickoff Meeting

October 7, 2014

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA



Groundwork Somerville

- * We create jobs, food, green space, and leadership opportunities for environmental justice communities and individuals,
- * We work to eliminate health and racial inequity
- * We work with children and teachers in school garden classrooms to connect experiential learning to state curriculum standards, and young people to their environment;
- * We provide jobs and leadership training to low-income and underserved youth in our community;
- * We grow and provide the most affordable fresh produce in the state;
- * We are stewards of 31 sites throughout the region, which we maintain, clean up, and grow food in, including the South Street Farm – Somerville’s first urban farm; the Mystic River; and 10 Garden Classrooms in every elementary school in Somerville.

K-5th Grade: Schoolyard Gardens



Somerville Maple Syrup Project



6th-8th: Garden Youth Crew



9th-12th: Green Team



The Green Team



Urban Agriculture – South Street Farm



Before



Mobile Farmers Market



Garden Builds



Composting



Volunteer Days



Cleanups



Mystic River





Rain Gardens



Depaving



Community Engagement

- Community Corridor Planning (2008-2011)
- Urban Family Outreach (2011-2012)
- LINK Somerville (2011-2014)
- Union United (2014-)

- Powerful People (2013-)



Community Engagement

- * Be Flexible
- * Listen
- * Adapt to the Community's needs
- * Have a great organizer
- * Foster leadership
- * Learn while teaching

Thank You!



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