

Natural Areas Teen Network

2009 RESULTS

Teens Involved: 107

Ethnicity:

African American: 19%

African: 1%

Asian: 62%

Caucasian: 10%

Hispanic: 7%

Native American: 1%

COMMUNITY MENTORS:

Capital Area Watershed District

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Medtronic

Minnesota American Indian

Chamber of Commerce

National Society of Black

Engineers, Minnesota

National Society of Hispanic

Engineers

Ramsey County Master

Ganders

REI

St. Paul Public Schools

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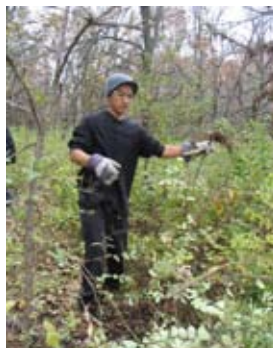
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Great River Greening's Natural Area Teen Network engages underserved youth in topics related to environmental conservation, leadership, community service and volunteerism, and career development skills. Through classroom discussions, experiential learning and one-on-one mentorship, teens learn the challenges facing today's urban green spaces and how to effectively mobilize communities to restore and maintain them.

The cornerstone of the Natural Area Teen Network is a field trip to a pristine and untouched Scientific and Natural Area where youth put what they learn in the classroom into action through hands-on ecological restoration.



SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUPS:

Como Park High School
Community Design Center
Harding Earth Club
Humboldt High School



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"I learned that one person can make a difference."

OUR

MISSION

Great River

Greening leads

community-

based restoration

of our forests,

prairies, and

waters

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QUOTES FROM STUDENTS:

"I learned about teamwork and the importance of respecting others."

"(The Natural Area Teen Network Program) helped me prepare for my future. I learned it's important to choose the career that you really like and make it happen."

"I feel like I helped my community and around the world."

"The different mentors gave me really good advice and really taught me how to make good decisions."

QUOTES FROM SCHOOLS & MENTORS:

"We are a small charter school that lacks resources. It was great to work with an organization like Great River Greening that could come in and so smoothly lead the program."

"The program lit the fire for prairie biodiversity for youth who participated. Students clearly understood the importance of prairie preservation. It was connected to something real because professionals were there to talk about how students can make a career out of it."



"No one else ties together careers and environmental leadership like this."

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