

# GROUNDWORK MILWAUKEE

*Projects and Updates*



**GROUNDWORK'S GREEN TEAM**

A SUMMER OF SUCCESS

RIVER CLEAN-UP  
MILWAUKEE RIVER BLM ISLANDS

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

## '10 projects

### Grow & Play Lot



#### Harambee

Partnered with Solomon Community Temple and the Cluster Two Neighborhood Association to build 14 garden beds, worked with the Rainbow Summer Reading Program, and organized and conducted neighborhood clean-ups and cookouts.

### Midtown Community Garden

Built 12 raised beds in collaboration with residents on a parking lot at 22nd & Mckinley. Gravel and landscape fabric were used to create a type of French Drain to retain soil while promoting drainage.

### BLM Lands



#### Milwaukee River

Partnered with the Bureau of Land Management and Milwaukee Riverkeepers' to pick up trash on islands in the Milwaukee River.

### Harambee Great Neighborhood Initiative

Assisted HGNI in canvassing for the Taste of Harambee and hosting the event. The Green Team also helped prepare for a Gallery Night. Jalisa worked after school with HGNI on these and other projects as well.

Groundwork Milwaukee partners with the Mayor's Earn and Learn Program to promote job skills, community involvement, and environmental stewardship

#### GREEN TEAM, DEFINED

The 2010 Green Team is a group of four high-school aged teens who worked with Field Supervisor Dave Mangin on environmental and community projects in the Harambee neighborhood and around central Milwaukee.



Through a partnership with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, (MAWIB), Green Team Members Jalisa Bivens, Najaah Atkinson, Sharlana Johnson, and Bryant O'Glen earned a paycheck for the hours of work they put in on various community Projects.



#### Accomplishments of the Green Team:

- Constructed 41 raised garden beds in collaboration with four community partners
- Collected eight bags of trash from islands on the Milwaukee River owned by the Bureau of Land Management
- Planned, promoted, and hosted two neighborhood events in support of Harambee's Grow & Play Lot
- Maintained rain gardens





## Water Quality

Learned about storm water management and watersheds and put their knowledge to work in planting and maintaining rain gardens.



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“What we want more than anything else is for Green Team members to succeed”

Mary Beth Driscoll  
Executive Director , Groundwork  
Milwaukee

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Washington DC

#### Groundwork USA National Assembly

This October, Groundwork USA is hosting its national conference in Washington DC. We are raising funds for Green Team members to represent Milwaukee at this event. Some trip highlights:

- Touring our Nation's Capital
- Meeting with Federal Representatives



- Collaborating with Green Teams from around the nation in a joint service project celebrating Groundwork's collaboration with the National Park Service and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

