

Eagle Eye Institute 2015 Annual Report

Program Highlights

Approximately 900 urban youth from low-income communities in Somerville, Cambridge, Medford and Boston's Chinatown engaged in Eagle Eye's awareness and skill-building environmental education and stewardship programs.

Fells Day and CCEP

On June 10, 2015, over 800 Medford High School students got outside for hands-on, out-of-class service learning experiences as part of the first annual Medford High School Fells Day. Community partners joined students and faculty to plant trees, create trail markers, and remove invasive species and trash from the Fells and several local parks. Students also had an opportunity to hike the "Mustang Trail" and learn more about the flora and fauna found in the Fells from volunteers stationed along the trail.

Eagle Eye continued to facilitate a multi-stakeholder partnership called the Community Conservation Education Partnership (CCEP) to increase outdoor recreation, environmental education and stewardship in Medford. These partners included Medford High School, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), and Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Medford High School held a 2nd annual Fells Day on June 10th, 2016, inspired by Eagle Eye, that engaged 750 students in outdoor hands-on learning.

Internships

Susan Ekstrom, Program Director, supervised and trained six college interns throughout the year to co-lead EAGLE Club and Learn About programming. In the spring, four Antioch graduate students joined the Eagle Eye team to assist in developing curriculum and evaluating programs. The students developed and facilitated an "Urban Ecology" curriculum package that was later piloted with the Healey EAGLE club. Tisch summer fellow Michelle Mu and Northeastern Co-op intern Kristina Ferrara joined Program Director, Susan Ekstrom, for a summer of learning, exploration, and fun with five youth organizations from Boston, Somerville, Medford, and Quincy.

Eagle Club

Forty Somerville youth from the Healey Boys & Girls Club and Mystic Learning Center participated in two terms of EAGLE (Earth Advocates; Green Leaders for the Environment) after-school programs in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015. These young people were involved in weekly learning and stewardship sessions over the course of eight weeks during each school term.



Summer Programs

Eighty young people from five youth development organizations participated in Eagle Eye's one-day learning and stewardship summer programs. The five organizations included Mystic Mural Project and Mystic Learning Center of Somerville, Medford Boys & Girls Club, two Boston Chinatown groups and Quincy Boys & Girls Club.

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