



Groundwork SOMERVILLE

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Starting a new school or community garden? Looking for strategies to engage students in learning outdoors or to connect curriculum and standards-based lessons to your garden? Having trouble maintaining existing garden spaces, or need help renovating them?

GROUNDWORK SOMERVILLE CAN HELP YOU!

BACKGROUND:

- Groundwork Somerville strives to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment through the development of community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Our work can be divided into three categories: healthy education, green jobs, and sustainable communities.
- In our hands-on garden education programs, knowledgeable staff and interns lead children in activities that promote exploration of urban natural areas, planting and harvesting food, and learning to make sensible choices for their own health and the health of the planet.
- As consultants, we work with schools and community groups to reach their garden-based goals or overcome challenges in their garden- and nature-based programming.

ENRICH YOUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING WITH GARDEN CLUBS OR WORKSHOPS:

- GWS healthy education staff are trained to lead weekly and bi-weekly 1 to 1.5 hour garden "clubs" for students in elementary and middle school.
 - In the 2012-2013 school season, an average of eight weekly Garden Clubs met each season in elementary schools across the city. Additional partnerships with community groups include the Somerville Public Libraries, Prospect Hill Academy, Eagle Eye Institute, and the Somerville Community Growing Center.
 - Club themes vary depending on season and age of club members. Possible themes include: seed science, decomposition, composting and worms; nutrition and cooking balanced meals and snacks; garden design and maintenance; food justice and the environment; nature-based art; maple sugaring; and more!
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- GWS charges a sliding scale fee of \$75-90/hour for garden education programming. \$90 covers the cost of a garden educator's pay, planning time, supplies, and office overhead costs. Additional arrangements may be made for garden construction projects or site-specific activities with significant material costs.

GARDENS CONSULTING:

- We are always excited to help advise others working to promote healthy education in their communities. Our staff have led professional development workshops and presented on topics including "Starting and Maintaining Thriving Schoolyard Gardens," "Becoming Effective Environmental Educators," and "Connecting Gardens and Classrooms".
- Workshops are customized to community-identified needs. We can help you start a new school or community garden, set up a classroom worm composting bin, develop strategies for working with students outdoors, make a plan for sustaining and maintaining existing garden spaces, better connect curriculum and standards-based lessons to your garden, and more!
- Workshops and presentations generally take about 2 hours. To support the staff time involved in this work, we charge \$100 per hour for consulting services. When working with communities beyond biking or public transit distance of Somerville, Zipcar or other transportation fees will be included in our invoice.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Groundwork Somerville! Please contact me directly to request consulting services or a garden club at your site or if you have any questions.

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