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New Forest Stewards Needed for Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx

As part of the MillionTreesNYC initiative, New York City Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Group (NRG) is restoring parkland and other public open spaces to ecologically healthy, multi-story forests through the PlanYC Reforestation program at NRG.

In order for newly planted trees to grow into healthy forests, stewardship is needed so that invasive weeds do not overwhelm the new plantings. As the trees grow, understory shrubs and herbaceous plants will be planted to create the multistory forest that will sustain the new ecosystem.

Stewards are needed to help weed and monitor new reforestation plantings in Pelham Bay Park. Stewards will be trained in natural areas stewardship, invasive weed identification, and proper management techniques. Stewards must attend 3 training sessions and commit to volunteer 12 hours over the summer.

Benefits of Forests in the City include:

- improve air and water quality
- mitigate climate change
- improve neighborhoods
- reduce energy costs
- lower summer temperatures
- preserve wildlife habitat
- increase biodiversity

New Forest Stewards Training Classes

Meeting Location: Orchard Beach Nature Center, Pelham Bay Park

Dates: Saturday June 12, June 19, and June 26, 2010

Time: 9 AM – 11 AM

Interested in becoming a new forest steward?

Contact Anthony Martinez,
Bronx Outreach Coordinator at Partnerships for Parks
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More information can be found online at:
http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/html/urban_forest/planyc_reforestation.shtml