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The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (Southwest Boston CDC) is pleased to announce it has been named a 2010 Boston Green Business Award winner by the City of Boston. Mayor Thomas M. Menino's annual Green Business Awards are given to businesses located in the City of Boston that demonstrate extraordinary performance related to sustainable environmental practices. Southwest Boston CDC will be recognized at an award ceremony April 29th for its work in creating and overseeing the Hyde Park Green Team, a youth employment and environmental awareness program.

Last summer the Green Team employed 13 Hyde Park youths with funding from the Boston Youth Fund and Boston's Parks and Recreation Department. The program incorporated sustainable environmental practices into several aspects of the program's curriculum and operation. Participants worked to clean, beautify and maintain Hyde Park's two urban wilds sites, Dell Rock and Sherrin Woods. Green Team members also worked with local resident Pat Tierney of the Tierney Realty Group to plant and care for flowerbeds in the Cleary/Logan Square business district.

Southwest Boston CDC promoted sustainable environmental practices by having participants use bikes to transport themselves and work materials to each site throughout the summer. Green Team members received training in basic bicycle maintenance and were allowed to keep the bikes at the conclusion of the program. Participants also learned about local environmental efforts through fieldtrips and collaborative activities with the Boston Nature Center, Wakefield Estates Arboretum, the Charlestown Recycling Center and the Brookwood Community Farms.

Mayor Menino will present the City's Green Business awards to the Southwest Boston CDC and other recipients at a ceremony on Thursday, April 29th at 11:00 am in the Belvedere Court area of the Shops at Prudential Center. Southwest Boston CDC Executive Director Mike Feloney noted that it was especially gratifying to be named a winner in the program's first year of eligibility. He noted that Southwest Boston CDC plans on operating the program again this summer, and hopes to add components to encourage youth to explore academic and career opportunities involving sustainability and environmental management.

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