

### **Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy**

Working within the 27 acres of public land made available by the removal of the elevated Central Artery, Greenway designers set out to balance beauty and grace with the vitality and dynamism of a 21st century city. Soon three new urban parks will open with gardens, fountains, and a tree-lined promenade providing lovely places to stroll, read, and meet friends. Over time, visitors will find cultural facilities, outdoor cafes and large-scale events set neatly against the backdrop of these new parks.

The creation of this urban oasis has been a joint effort of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston and citizens groups. In 2004, the non-profit Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy was founded as the official steward of the Greenway. The first Greenway parks, North End Park, Chinatown Park and Wharf District Park are slated to open between summer of 2007 and spring 2008.

### **The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**

The Boston Fed is committed to economic and personal financial education. With our publications, competitions, and online learning, we hope to engage students and adults in learning about the Federal Reserve System, consumer issues, and a wide range of economics topics. The Boston Fed offers a variety of economic education programs including academic competitions, tours, games, teacher workshops, publications, and online activities for the classroom.

### **Boston National Historical Park**

Boston National Historical Park preserves historic sites associated with Boston's role in the American Revolution and the founding of a new nation. The park is distinctive, mixing historic buildings and landscapes owned by the city, the state, the Federal Government and private organizations. Only three sites are owned by the Federal Government- the Charlestown Navy Yard, Bunker Hill Monument and Dorchester Heights Monument. National Park Rangers present public and education programs focusing on people and stories connected to these historic sites. Their programs provide opportunities for the public to make their own connections with the meanings of these national treasures located in Boston.

### **City Archaeology Program, Environment Department, City of Boston**

Archaeologists are essentially storytellers. Through the study of material culture (artifacts) and associated data, the unedited versions of history are exposed and the stories of everyday life emerge. Archaeologists engage in many different types of research and they use many of the same skills that are taught in middle and high school. The City Archaeology Program, established in 1983, is part of the Environment Department, City of Boston, and provides a unique hands-on opportunity for people to learn about archaeology and become stewards for these important cultural resources.

### **New England Aquarium**

As part of the New England Aquarium's education department, The Teacher Resource Center (TRC) offers free curriculum, consultations and loan materials to educators who work with students from pre-school through high school. Visitors can talk to experienced environmental educators, try out hands-on aquatic science activities, and attend professional development workshops. Teachers can also preview or borrow kits, videos, books, hand puppets, artifacts, posters, and other educational materials.

The Teacher Resource Center (TRC) was founded in 1987 to help educators meet their aquatic and ocean education needs. The TRC promotes an interdisciplinary approach to environmental and place-based education as part of the Aquarium's mission to preserve, promote and protect the world of water.

Today we serve nearly 3,000 educators a year from New England and beyond, providing free individualized consultation and access to one of the largest specialized curriculum collections in the region.

### **Boston Harbor Islands**

The Boston Harbor Islands, in partnership with the Island Alliance and the National Park Service, offer teacher resources such as curriculum materials and professional development. This 17-island state park is part of the 34-island Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.

### **The Bostonian Society/ Boston Historical Old State House Museum**

The Bostonian Society/Boston Historical serves as Boston's historical society. The Society maintains a research library for students and scholars and operates the Old State House as a museum of Boston History. The Old State House was built in 1713 to house the government chambers and offices for the Massachusetts Bay Colony. After the Declaration of Independence was read from the east balcony in 1776, the building became the first State House for the new Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The State Government moved to a new building in 1798 and the Old State House began a cycle of many different uses: a Masonic temple, City Hall, a commercial building and finally, a museum of the city's history.

### **Learning By Design in Massachusetts**

LBD:MA is a statewide K-12 architecture and design education program of the Boston Society of Architects. Since 1999 over 10,000 children, educators and designers have taken part in LBD:MA architecture and design activities

LBD:MA's goals are:

- To give young people the opportunity and skills they need to communicate their ideas about their built and natural environments, about their community and about themselves
- To engage children in architecture and design projects with professional architects and designers
- To give educators the training and support they need to engage K-12 students in architecture and design projects that are interdisciplinary in nature and closely aligned with state learning standards
- To enable the next generation to build a better future