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Education

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Good Neighbors: Landscape Design and Community Building **A “No Child Left Inside” program for urban youth**

Location: Massachusetts
Total Cost: \$203,040

Partner(s): Friends of Fairsted
Proposal # : 137758

Summary: Centennial funds will be used to develop, pilot and evaluate “Good Neighbors: Landscape Design and Community Building” – an education program that fosters appreciation of the physical, social and psychological value of public parks and open space in young children when they are first forming critical life values. The program will take place at Fairsted – the historic home and design office of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted – and use the restored landscape, historic design office, Olmsted Archives, and rehabilitated model shop to explore the history, art, science, and civics of landscape design and park stewardship. Participating third graders will discover that landscapes affect human thought and feeling, that thoughtfully- designed landscapes strengthen communities, and that the future of public parks depends on the active involvement of the public sector and private citizens. This “Leave No Child Inside” program is part of the growing movement to reconnect children and nature. “Good Neighbors” will be carried out with Friends of Fairsted, the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, the National Association for Olmsted Parks, and public schools in Boston and Brookline, Massachusetts.

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A grade three student documents plant material in the Fairsted landscape as part of *Good Neighbors: Landscape Design and Community Building*. Photograph by Joel Veak. Courtesy of the National Park Service, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.