

## THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

### *From the Volunteer Coordinator*

August turned out to be our busiest month of the year for volunteer projects, with over 400 volunteers doing approximately 116 hours of work in the park over just 12 days! The projects included Storrow Drive fence painting, riverbank invasive species cutting and weeding around the park memorials.

September volunteer opportunities continue with our [Boston Model Sailing Club](#) program, which needs help on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons hosting free sailing to the public (no sailing experience required). We also need volunteers to help with our first ever [TEA 5K Run](#) on Sunday, Sept. 30th. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up, hosting water stations or registration tables and as post event festivities. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, please contact Susan at [susanm@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:susanm@alumni.duke.edu).

The Esplanade Association has been selected by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) to be one of the [2008 Boston Marathon® official charities!](#) We have received 15 race entries to make available to individuals who will commit to using the April 21, 2008 race as a fundraising opportunity for our organization. If you are interested in running for Team Esplanade, please complete the application on our webpage, [www.esplanadeassociation.org](http://www.esplanadeassociation.org) by October 22.



### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday-September 26th**  
**5pm-Dusk, Boston Model**  
**Sailing Club**

**Sunday-September 30th**  
**10am-1st Annual TEA 5K Run**

**Sunday-September 30th**  
**3pm-5pm, Boston Model Sailing**  
**Club**

### Ongoing Opportunities

[Group Volunteering](#)  
[Administrative Help](#)



### M.V.P. of the Month-Tufts University FOCUS



[Tufts FOCUS](#) pre-orientation first-year service groups, organized and run by students, volunteered for **two** days in the hottest weather of the summer this August to cut back invasive species (non-native plants) growing along the riverbank in Upper Park and to scrape and paint the fence along Storrow Drive. They worked diligently, fought off numerous bees nests, and had amazingly positive attitudes while laboring in the challenging weather. For their time and energy over TWO days these Tufts students are our **Motivated Volunteers for the Park**.

### **Spotlight: Storrow Drive Alert!**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has proposed placing a temporary roadway through a portion of the Esplanade during the construction period of the [Storrow Drive Tunnel Reconstruction project](#) as one of the options in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). If you care about the Esplanade, it is important that you contact Governor Patrick and the DCR Commissioner Richard Sullivan to tell them that you are **opposed to a by-pass road on the Esplanade and encourage the Commonwealth to develop a regional transportation solution for the construction period that does not encroach upon the park.** For more information on DCR's proposal go to: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/storrowsdrive.htm>

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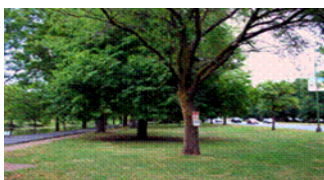
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Areas where proposed temporary by-pass road would be built.

