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Nightingale Community Garden is Growing

*Neighborhood Planning Meeting -- Saturday November 20th 10:00 A.M. to 11:30: A.M.
at the Codman Square Library, 690 Washington Street, hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network*

BOSTON, MA, November 15, 2010 – Nightingale Community Garden, the largest community garden in Dorchester is undergoing extensive renovations. The 1.5 acre garden will, when the work is done, support an additional 120 garden plots producing fresh vegetables for neighborhood residents. Located at 512 Park Street, Dorchester on the site of the former Florence Nightingale School, the garden presently has only 30 garden plots.

Nightingale Community Garden is part of the Boston Is Growing Gardens (BIGG) project, a two year program organized by Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN), that will double the community garden food growing capacity in Dorchester, Boston's largest neighborhood. BIGG is sponsored in part by a \$400,000 grant through the Boston Public Health Commission's grant from the Center for Disease Control's -- Communities Putting Prevention to Work Program

On Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Codman Square Library, the third and final community meeting will be hosted by BNAN to discuss plans for renovations and improvements to the Nightingale Community Garden. Current gardeners, future gardeners, neighbors and local partners are all invited to attend and participate. The Codman Square Library is located at 690 Washington Street, Dorchester.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways and urban wilds. For further information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit www.bostonnatural.org, or call 617-542-7696.

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