Groundwork Buffalo’s Green Team assists with Tifft Nature Preserve restoration project

Through its Green Team program, and Youth Urban Waters Advisory Committee, GWB employs and engages youths to work on watershed protection/conservation projects being implemented by our partners. Skills and knowledge gained from their work experience can be transfer to their own neighborhoods and be used to address local watershed issues.

To that end, Groundwork Buffalo, Buffalo Museum of Science’s Tifft Nature Preserve, and UB’s ERIE program have collaborated to provide GWB Green Team program a unique experience in the field of ecosystem restoration right in their own backyard. Under the direction of Andre McKnight (GWB Green Team coordinator), Green Team Youth will spend their first day in the field learning
about the unique ecological resources within the preserve (e.g. Tifft contains the LARGEST remnant wetland in all of ERIE county and the US portion of Lake Erie). They also got a special view from the second highest point in the city, the Mounds (see photos). After learning about the challenges facing an urban nature preserve, the Green Team is prepared to help out for 2 days with on-going restoration efforts, under the direction of Tifft Nature Preserve’s ecologist, David Spiering, with assistance from UB graduate student, Stacey Sloan Blersch. Both David and Stacey are PhD students in UB’s Ecosystem Restoration through Interdisciplinary Exchange (ERIE), which requires graduate fellows to do outreach to K-12 students on ecosystem restoration issues.

Additional information about the organizations involved in this effort can be found here:

Groundwork Buffalo: www.groundworkbuffalo.org
Tifft Nature Preserve: www.sciencebuff.org/tifft-nature-preserve/about-tifft/
UB ERIE Program: www.erie.buffalo.edu

Event Details:
Who: GWB Green Team
What: Tifft Nature Preserve Project
When: Aug 1-3, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM each day
Where: Tifft Nature Preserve
POC for event: Andre McKnight, 716-359-7190