



**CATEGORY: Waste Reduction / Special Recognition**

**SPROUTS OF HOPE, Cambridge-based Roots & Shoots  
30 Buena Vista Park**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- On October 14, 2007, the Sprouts of Hope group went before the School Committee to offer compelling testimony on the use of polystyrene lunch trays in the Cambridge Public Schools. The Sprouts of Hope did extensive research on alternatives to polystyrene and circulated a petition among the school community. The School Committee unanimously passed a motion for the School Department to look at alternatives to polystyrene lunch trays.
- The Sprouts have organized a “waste free lunch” day, one of the first of its kind in the Cambridge Public Schools with the intent of it becoming a routine activity.
- Through education and awareness around the 6 R’s, Rethink, Renew, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot (compost), the Sprouts of Hope are changing attitudes and habits both inside and outside of the Cambridge Public School community.
- The Sprouts of Hope have been selected by the New England Chapter of Roots & Shoots to meet with Dr. Jane Goodall for their dedication and willingness to work hard and persistently toward achieving their goals.



**ABOUT ROOTS & SHOOTS**

Roots & Shoots is a worldwide organization that was founded in 1996 by Dr. Jane Goodall as a way to engage young people in their communities for the benefit of animals, people and the environment. With Roots & Shoots groups spread through almost 100 countries, the Roots & Shoots organization provides a structure under which its various groups, such as Sprouts of Hope, are able to operate on their own while using the Roots & Shoots website to search for project ideas and spread news about what they are involved in doing. For more information, please contact Melissa Ludtke at 617-354-1728.



**ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD**

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling and energy. The awardees make significant contributions to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming and to meeting the Cambridge Climate Protection Plan goal of reducing those emissions by 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.