

Worcester Roots Project team wins award for student information video

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WORCESTER — The Worcester Roots Project's youth team, Toxic Soil Busters Co-op, has won the top award for "Student Information Video" in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national "Faces of the Grassroots: Environmental Justice Video Contest."

Members of the team, including 16-year-old Sergio Castillo, the Toxic Soil Busters Co-op video coordinator, will go to Boston Thursday to receive the award at the EPA's New England headquarters.

The five-minute short film, "A Worcester EJ Story," shows the intent and work of the Toxic Soil Buster Co-op, and the efforts of one team member in particular — Janice Serrano. Environmental issues looked at include the high levels of lead in the soil in Worcester, the dangers of lead poisoning, and what the teenagers are doing about it.



The award includes \$500 cash, which will be invested back into the project to make more documentaries.

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