

# SWP completes Youth Conservation Corps season

MARQUETTE – The Superior Watershed Partnership has announced the completion of the Youth Conservation Corps season.

This year's crew consisted of local youth, ages 17-24, who had the desire to gain experience in valuable hands-on conservation work while at the same time getting paid. It was through the support of Michigan WORKS!, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Marquette Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council, the Reynolds Foundation, and donations from SWP members and supporters that the 2008 YCC was made possible.

The crew, led by Brian Jansen, was successful in completing numerous projects for the Hiawatha National Forest, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Northern Michigan University, the city of Marquette, Marquette Township and Chocoley Township, just to name a few.

Specifically, the YCC ac-



**Zach Miller of the Superior Watershed Partnership's Youth Conservation Corps plants native species at the Native Wildflower Garden on Northern Michigan University's campus, one of the projects completed by the youth corps this season.**

complished the following projects: 1/2 acre of native plant rejuvenation in the Grand Island National Recreation Area; 1.5 miles of trail creation for Noquemanon Trail Network; 2 miles of trail clearing in Chocoley Township; 1 mile of trail clearing at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore; 1/4 mile of trail construction in Cham-

pion Township; 1 ton of invasive species removed from Hiawatha National Forest; and 1 mile of stream monitoring and restoration work.

For more information on the Youth Conservation Corps and environmental education opportunities in the schools, visit [www.superior-watersheds.org](http://www.superior-watersheds.org) and click on "Youth in the Environment."