



ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION GIVE 365

City of Ann Arbor
Adopt-aPark



Parks & Recreation
Ann Arbor, MI 48106



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- Objective: Improve/enhance park spaces & recreation experiences while facilitating meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- Began in 2011, funded by Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage
- Coordinating volunteer opportunities in 110 parks
- Who is GIVE? Recreation supervisor, team of 3-9 temp & seasonal staff plus over 8,000 volunteers!

GIVE 365 Volunteer Opportunities

- Events, programming and special partnerships



- Park/facility maintenance and beautification



Special Events & Programming

- Special Events: Earth Day, A2 Blooms, Huron River Day, Trick or Treat Paddle, Grand Openings
- Programming: Splash Days, Ice arena events, Farmers Market, Dog Parks, Junior Volunteer, Counselor/Lifeguard in Training
- 2017: 36 volunteer opportunities categorized as “events”



Park/Facility Maintenance and Beautification

- Weeding playgrounds, planting flowers, mulching trees, trash pick up
- Landscape (in front of facilities, park perimeters, park sign beds, clearing bench views, addressing invasive plant growth)
- Preparing playground areas for woodchips and spreading it
- Painting; graffiti removal, stenciling, park bathroom beautification
- Basketball court (replace nets, paint backboard, painting court lines) and pathway edging

2017 = 135 workdays that were maintenance related



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lend a hand, give your time
LOVE A PARK DAY
www.a2gov.org/volunteer

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- 40 active park adopters out of 93 adoptable areas
- Neighbors and businesses committing/advocating/caring for specific park.



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- GIVE 365 staff that lead volunteer work days but also follow up on unfinished volunteer work
- Odd, small jobs; staff work days when volunteers cancel or weather causes delay; projects with urgency
- Scout and monitor park conditions and develop our volunteer work plans; support and work collaboratively with park operations maintenance staff



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Eldor Automotive – business adopters at Maryfield Wildwood Park



June 8th, 2018



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Playgrounds



Plymouth Park 6/21



Las Vegas Park 6/18



Rose White Park 5/12

Wellington Park 6/19



Riverside Park 6/19



Island Park 6/20

Rose Park 6/18



Ellsworth Park





Before



After



July 8, 2018
UofM MSTEM students

Argo Mural

1.



1. **Challenge:** High visibility area, original graffiti mural increasingly covered by tags; community complaints

2. **Volunteer Opportunity:** "Paint the Town" event. Paint a base coat, add nature themed stencils (Fall 2017)

3. **Challenge #2:** Wall too big for stencils. Tags returned before project was completed.

4. **Volunteer Opportunity:** Partner with mural artist who designed a paint by number mural for volunteers to complete. "Community Paint" Event (June 2018)

2.



3.



4.





NEW! MAKE A DIFFERENCE & VOLUNTEER
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"The objective of this mural is to visually capture abstract sensations that are present at Argo Park. The main sensation I want to capture is that of movement and activity. Whether it's people jogging, walking, rowing together on a kayak, or the river itself, there is a great sense of energy and activity to the park space throughout the year, and this design would complement and elevate those sensations by providing immersive and lively visuals."

— John Bucher, Argo Muralist

Counselor In Training & Lifeguard In Training

- Volunteers between ages 13-16
- 18 trained and scheduled CIT volunteers
 - Between 6- 8 CITs each week, supporting camps at Fuller, Gallup & Buhr
- 2 LITs at Fuller



"Mikayla did an incredible job in her first week as a CIT, she was able to spend one on one time with one of our youngest campers who benefited greatly from Mikaylas warmth and patience. She really impressed me". -- Beck, Fuller Camp counselor

River Clean Ups

Huron River Clean Up
VOLUNTEER



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- Weekly pond cleanups & Bi-weekly river trips
- Grant originating from Michigan DEQ (administered by Huron River Watershed Council) funds volunteers to pick trash out of river using canoes from the liveries



2018

- 13 pond/river trips *8 more scheduled
- 481 volunteer hours spent picking up trash along the banks of the Huron River

2017

- 16 pond/river trips
- 261 volunteers
- 676 volunteer hours
- Estimated 23.5 cubic yards of trash



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ANY DAY ANY TIME ANY PLACE

2017 Calendar Year Statistics

- **8261** volunteer hours
- **1828** volunteers
- **171** events
- **135** park beautification & maintenance events

GIVE 365 volunteer hours

FY 2014 → 4,095 Volunteer Hours

FY 2015 → 5,343 Volunteer Hours

FY 2016 → 6,364 Volunteer Hours

FY 2017 → 7,708 Volunteer Hours

FY 2018 → **8,382** Volunteer Hours

MONTH	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
JULY	538.5	1250.75	1511.5	1498.75	1669
AUGUST	178.5	776.25	1032.5	1322.5	1547.75
SEPTEMBER	284.5	176.5	522.75	599	698.25
OCTOBER	469.5	605.25	718	866.75	793.5
NOVEMBER	237.5	108.25	263	248.75	342
DECEMBER	81.75	187.25	102.75	95.75	108
JANUARY	275.75	51	100	192.5	151.5
FEBRUARY	19.25	98.25	34	86	103.25
MARCH	57.5	79.5	84	216	152
APRIL	229.5	341.25	619.75	577	494
MAY	823.5	830.25	826	965	729
JUNE	899.25	839.25	550	1040.75	1594.5
TOTAL	4095	5343.75	6364.25	7708.25	8382.75



Questions?

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