

Volunteer Stewardship Opportunity

Invasive Weed Management

Many of our natural areas in parks are at risk due to invasive species. Volunteers are integral to invasive plant management and improving the ecological health of our parks!

One of the best ways to manage invasive weeds is by pulling them out by hand. This method protects the native species that we want to encourage and minimizes the disturbance caused by other techniques. Often, hand-pulling has to be done many times in the same area, over many years, to be effective. This is why it's important to have a committed group of volunteers who are willing to put their muscles to the task at hand, their minds to learning new things and getting dirty doing something they care about.

The invasive weeds in this area of the Greenway include:

- Dalmatian Toadflax
- Common Bugloss
- Common Mullein
- Spotted/Diffuse Knapweed
- Canada Thistle
- Burdock

Volunteers will learn to identify these and other weeds.

Working together, while maintaining physical distancing, volunteers will pull weeds on the southern slope on this section of the Greenway.

No experience necessary! Training will be provided!

Participants will be provided with a pair of work gloves and any necessary tools.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this program is limited to 8 participants.

To participate in this project, please register on-line at: rdco.com/parksvip

Upon registration: participants will be sent an email waiver form which they must print off, sign and bring to the event. If you don't have access to a printer please let us know.

As much as we love our furry friends, we prefer if you leave them at home for volunteer events.

We strive to provide an accessible and inclusive environment for our volunteers that reflects the diversity of our community. Please let us know if there are ways we can accommodate your inclusion in this program.

Dates: Saturday, August 15th and September 19th

Time: 9:00-11:00 (please arrive by 8:45 for sign-in)

Meeting place: Mission Sports Field Entrance to the Greenway (near the dog park). The event will take place approximately 200 m up the Greenway.

What to bring and wear: Please bring your own drinking water; wear closed-toed sturdy shoes or boots; long sleeves and pants are recommended.

Suitability: approximately 10 yrs old and above, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Each person must register individually.