Year of growth

15,996 Volunteers

141,673.70 Hours

2,743 Volunteer Events

$3,421,838.20 Value of Service

118 parks utilized volunteers

40 community centers/resources sites utilized volunteers

2,062 new volunteers this year

14.63% increase

There was an average of 7.5 projects each day
2018 Year Rewind

Check out all of the volunteer special event opportunities we offer throughout the year!

January
- Love the Summer Luau

February
- Specialized Recreation
- Dance, Daddy Daughter Dance, Family Valentine’s Dance

March
- Pin Wheels in Parks, It’s My Park and Trail Day, Letterland, Senior Games, Worthdale Park Planting

April
- Egg Hunts, Breakfast with the Bunny, Raleigh Tamales Festival, Youth Baseball, Senior Games

May
- Fred Fletcher Awards, Mud Day, Serve Raleigh Teen Program, Raleigh Rockets Track Meet, Plantings

June
- Pop-pupAlooza, ICSA Swim Meets

July
- ICSA Swim Meets

August
- Community Art Day Festival, ICSA Swim Meets, Back to School Bash

September
- Big Sweep, Escape to Freedom

October
- Chavis Park Celebrates, Haunted Mordecai, Specialized Recreation, Halloween Dance

November
- ICSA Swim Meets, Girls Basketball, Coats Cause We Care, Plantings

December
- ICSA Swim Meets, Snacks with Santa, Holiday Express

We also offer many year-round volunteer opportunities through Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Trail, park enhancement projects, invasive species management, advisory boards, commissions, and as class instructors, tour guides, youth athletic league coaches, and program assistants.
Parks

Our Parks Division coordinates park and greenway trail enhancement projects and offers volunteer opportunities for the Adopt-A-Park program, the Adopt-A-Trail program, and the Invasive Species program.

5,641 Volunteers
12,143 Hours
$301,922 Value of Service

70 parks and all 118 miles of trail have been adopted.

Volunteers from the Raleigh Police Department and Stormwater assist the Parks Division by monitoring greenway trails/parks and organizing stream clean-ups.

640 Volunteers
14,436 Hours
$348,491 Value of Service

Recreation

Our Recreation Division connects volunteers with communities by recruiting Instructors, Program Assistants, and Youth Athletic League Coaches.

6,454 Volunteers
96,347 Hours
$2,325,780 Value of Service

Increased volunteers by 26% (1347)
Resources

Our Cultural Resources Division provides opportunities for citizens to enhance natural and historical sites and programs, Arts, Natural Resource Programs & Sites, and Historic Resources & Museums.

2,818 Volunteers
14,584 Hours
$345,148 Value of Service

Increased number of volunteers by 34% (720)

Park Development & communications

Our Park Development and Communications Division offers opportunities for community citizens to be a part of the Dorothea Dix Park master planning process and special events.

376 Volunteers
1,420 Hours
$34,278 Value of Service

Boards & Committees

Community Citizens are able to assist the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department by serving on advisory boards and commissions.

67 Volunteers
2,743 Hours
$66,216 Value of Service
Our Volunteers in Parks give to Raleigh in many ways. With their help, we are able to offer the exceptional experiences in the City of Raleigh.

Park Donations Program
- Donor Bench Program: $7,325- 16 benches
- Donor Tree Program: $7,175- 55 trees
- General Donations: $4,100- new landscapes in parks

City of Oaks Foundation
- $20,000- sent 60 children to summer camp

Play it Forward
- $124,276.14 donation- 437 families assisted

2018 Fred Fletcher Outstanding Volunteer Award Winners

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Dear Community Volunteers,

This year marked another exceptional year of volunteerism with the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department. Our department saw growth from our community citizens donating their time, talents, and resources to enhance our programs, facilities, parks and greenway trails. The Volunteer Services Staff is proud to present the 2017-2018 Volunteer Services Program Annual Report.

Thanks to YOU we celebrated several successes this year:

• Volunteer engagement increase by over 2,000 volunteers. Our team of volunteers total 15,996 during the year, with those volunteers contributing 141,673 hours. The value of your volunteer service totaled $3,421,838.20.
• Financial contributors made it possible for 60 youth to go to camps and assisted 437 families to participate in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources programs and events.
• Of our 220 parks, 118 parks utilized volunteers to assist with park enhancement projects, special events, classes, and programs. That’s over 50% of our parks!
• All 118 miles of the Capital Area Greenway system were adopted through the Adopt-A-Trail program, with several sections having multiple adopters.
• Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources offered approximately 2,737 opportunities for community citizens to volunteer their services. This averaged to 7.5 projects a day!
• The 2018 Fred Fletcher Outstanding Volunteer Awards celebrated its 23rd year of honoring volunteerism in the City of Raleigh. This year, we recognized 18 outstanding individual and group volunteers in 13 categories who embodied the volunteerism spirit of Mr. Fred Fletcher.
• Our 4th Annual It’s My Park and Trail Day took place during National Volunteer Week to promote volunteerism within the City of Raleigh Parks System. This year’s annual day of service saw growth with our volunteers who participated in 12 staffed park clean-ups and cleaned up an additional 25 parks and 30 miles of greenway in just one day!

We want to thank you for your passion, dedication, and support to enhance and beautify the City of Raleigh. Because of YOU, the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Volunteer Services Program continues to expand its resources, develop positive community relationships, and provide a great place for Raleigh Citizens to live and play.

Thanks for all you do,

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