



## Group Volunteer Horticulture Opportunities—2014

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy!

Please review the below information and submit your Volunteer Opportunities Interest Form to [volunteer@rfkgc.org](mailto:volunteer@rfkgc.org).

**Where:** *Projects take place in the Greenway parks from Chinatown to the North End. Exact location varies based on the project needs and will be provided prior to the project.*

**Date/Time:** *See dates below. Projects run from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. We ask that groups commit to the rain date on the following day whenever possible.*

**Group Size:** *We ask that groups plan to bring between 10 - 30 volunteers.*

**Project:** *Projects are based on current park needs and primarily include light duty gardening tasks such as raking, weeding, mulching, pruning and planting.*

**Registering Your Group:** *Your group should determine a Point of Contact for project coordination then complete the Interest Form and submit it to [volunteer@rfkgc.org](mailto:volunteer@rfkgc.org).*

*Please note that our group volunteer dates will fill quickly and we encourage interested groups to get their requests in as early as possible. Keelin Purcell, Greenway Volunteer Coordinator, will then follow-up with the Point of Contact to confirm your date(s).*

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## Group Volunteer Horticulture Opportunities—2014 Available Dates

*Corresponding Rain dates are listed in ( )'s. Projects run from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Projects can accommodate up to 30 volunteers unless otherwise noted.*

### April

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>)—FULL  
Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup>)—FULL  
Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (May 1<sup>st</sup>) —FULL

### May

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>)—FULL  
Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (28<sup>th</sup>)—FULL

### June

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup>)—FULL  
Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (26<sup>th</sup>)—FULL

### July

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) —FULL  
Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (23<sup>rd</sup>) —FULL

### August

Wednesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) —FULL  
Wednesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> (21<sup>st</sup>)—FULL

### September

Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>)—FULL  
Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup>)—FULL

### October

Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup>)—FULL  
Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>)—FULL  
Wednesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> (30<sup>th</sup>)—FULL

### November

Wednesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup>) —FULL

### December

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>)



## Group Volunteer Horticulture Opportunities—2014 Information

### Prior to Project:

- For groups of 20 or more, the Point of Contact is asked to establish Team Captains for every 10 volunteers. The Team Captains act as liaisons during the project to help the Greenway staff communicate project details to the larger volunteer group.
- Final group numbers for the Primary date and Rain date should be provided to Keelin at least one week prior to the project. At that time Keelin will send our sign-in sheet and waiver form to the Point of Contact.
- The project location and meeting point will be communicated to the Point of Contact no later than 2:00PM on the day prior to the project. We will be in touch with the Point of Contact to determine weather decisions as needed.

### Weather Policy:

- All of our projects occur outdoors and weather can be unpredictable. Due to this, we always schedule a rain date following the primary project date, and we ask groups to commit to this date if possible.
- We typically will run projects in light rain and seasonal temperatures, reserving the use of the rain date for extreme or unusual weather conditions. This decision is made by the Horticulture staff and the Volunteer Coordinator, often with input from the Point of Contact.
- While some weather decisions can be made in advance, we often wait until 2:00PM the day before the program to make a decision. If the group can be flexible, we might wait until the morning of a project to make the final call.
- If bad weather looks likely, we encourage the Point of Contact to be in close communication with Keelin leading up to a project.

### Day of Project:

- **Please arrive on time at our designated meeting location.** If your group needs to get in touch with Keelin, she can be reached at 518-391-8055 on project mornings.
- Volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes and should dress appropriately for the weather and the project with clothes that can get dirty.
- Please bring the completed sign-in sheet and waiver form to save time on the project day! All participants must sign-in and agree to our waiver. Please note that any participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian's signature in order to volunteer with us.
- We will provide an overview of the Greenway and the day's project(s). Upon arrival the Point of Contact and Team Captains should introduce themselves to the staff and assist in project implementation.
- We provide water coolers and a small snack, as well as gloves, knee pads and necessary tools.
- Please keep in mind that there are no restrooms on the Conservancy. You will be provided with a map of nearby public restrooms.
- We want all volunteers to have fun, ask questions, and feel great about helping the community in caring for the Greenway!

## Corporate Donations:

Beginning this year, we are asking our Corporate Volunteer groups to assist us in continuing this great program by considering a donation. We have seen tremendous interest in volunteering on the Greenway over the past few years, and are proud to provide high-quality volunteer experiences led by skilled Horticultural staff trained in organic practices. Volunteers get a hands-on opportunity to learn how we maintain the Greenway organically and manage the parks as a large rooftop garden over the underground tunnels. On the [strength of volunteers' reviews](#), we have been a Top Rated organization by GreatNonProfits.org for two years running.

Donations are fully tax deductible and help to support the Greenway parks.

For corporations who would like to provide up to 15 volunteers and share a volunteer day on the Greenway with another organization, the suggested donation is \$500. For those corporations who would like to have a dedicated volunteer experience for up to 30 volunteers, the suggested donation is \$1,500. Fellow non-profit organizations are invited to join us at no cost. These are suggested amounts; if you can help, but not at these levels, we appreciate that as well. More than anything, we want YOUR organization to join us to make the Greenway greener!

For corporate partners of the Conservancy, your benefits include one volunteer day on the Greenway, pending availability. Please contact Jodi A. Wolin, Director of Development, with any questions at [jwolin@rfkqc.org](mailto:jwolin@rfkqc.org).

## Lunch Options:

The Greenway is well-known for its Mobile Eats program, with mobile food vendors spread throughout the parks. We encourage our volunteer groups to relax and enjoy lunch on the Greenway following their project! Several of our vendors are able to take group orders and can have your lunch ready and waiting. Lunch with a beverage typically costs about \$8-\$9/person and you can make these arrangements directly with the vendor of your choice.

Bon Me (Teagan Lehrmann, [Teagan@bonmetruck.com](mailto:Teagan@bonmetruck.com)) and Baja Taco (Bryan Peugh, [bryanpeugh@gmail.com](mailto:bryanpeugh@gmail.com)) are two of our vendors that are on the Greenway five days a week and can handle larger groups with relative ease. We hope you can stay and relish in a mobile lunch!