



Individual Horticulture Volunteer Opportunities—2014

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy! Please review the below information and contact volunteer@rfkgc.org to sign up for volunteer slots.

- 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. Project run from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon. We ask that individuals commit to the following day rain date whenever possible.*
- Group Size:** *Projects are designed for up to 15 participants.*
- Project:** *Projects are based on current park needs and primarily include light duty gardening tasks such as raking, weeding, mulching, pruning, and planting.*
- Registering:** Contact Keelin Purcell, Volunteer Coordinator, at either kpurcell@rfkgc.org or 617-603-7737 with the dates you would like to volunteer and she will confirm availability. The project location, meeting point, and any re-scheduling due to weather are communicated by email no later than 2:00PM on the day prior to the project. We will run most projects in light rain or cold conditions.
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Individual Horticulture Volunteer Opportunities—2014 Available Dates

Corresponding rain dates are listed in ()'s. Projects run from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon.

March

Wednesday, March 26th (27th)

April

Wednesday, April 9th (10th)

Wednesday, April 23rd (24th)

May

Saturday, May 3rd (no rain date)

Wednesday, May 7th (8th)

Wednesday, May 21st (22nd)

June

Wednesday, June 4th (5th)

Saturday, June 7th (no rain date)

Tuesday, June 17th (18th)

July

Tuesday, July 1st (2nd)

Wednesday, July 16th (17th)

Wednesday, July 30th (31st)

August

Wednesday, Aug. 13th (14th)

Wednesday, Aug. 27th (28th)

September

Wednesday, Sept. 10th (11th)

Wednesday, Sept. 24th (25th)

October

Wednesday, Oct. 8th (9th)

Wednesday, Oct. 22nd (23rd)

November

Wednesday, Nov. 5th (6th)

Wednesday, Nov. 19th (20th)

December

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd (4th)

Wednesday, Dec. 17th (18th)



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Project Background:

- The Horticulture workdays are a huge help in keeping our park beautiful and maintaining our landscape organically! They are a chance to have fun, accomplish larger scale projects, build relationships with our community members, and spread information about the Greenway and how we maintain it.
- Please keep in mind that many of our tasks involved bending and lifting. We try our best to make accommodations for individuals with physical limitations. Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions in this regard.
- Every volunteer is required to sign a waiver form. Volunteers under 18 must bring a waiver form signed by their parent or guardian in order to volunteer.

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 volunteers 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.
- 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 you feel you cannot safely make it to the project due to weather, please be in communication with Keelin.

What to Expect on Project Day:

- Please arrive on time at our designated meeting location. If you know you will need to arrive later or leave early, please let the Volunteer Coordinator know ahead of time so that our staff can plan accordingly. If you are running late or need to cancel on the project day, please call Keelin at 518-391-8055.
- Volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes and should dress appropriately for the weather and the project, with clothes that can get dirty.
- All volunteers will sign in with our waiver form prior to beginning work.
- We provide water coolers and a small snack, as well as gloves, knee pads and necessary tools.
- We want all volunteers to have fun, ask questions, and feel great about helping the community in caring for the Greenway!

Cancellation Policy

We hope our volunteers can understand the challenge it creates when people cancel last minute or do not notify us that they are not coming, both because we prepare tools and projects for the number of people we are expecting and are relying on our volunteers to help us complete projects on deadline. In addition, we have a waiting list of volunteers who may have been available to help instead.

We ask all volunteers to cancel at least 24 hours in advance. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from volunteering in certain weather conditions, or if you are in any way unsure if you will be able to fulfill your commitment please let us know as soon as possible so that we can better prepare.

Volunteers who sign up for a shift and then cancel with less than 24 hours' notice, or who do not attend with no notice on three separate instances will not be asked to volunteer for the remainder of the year.

Above all, we highly value the efforts of our volunteers and appreciate that you are donating your valuable time to the Greenway Conservancy. This cancellation policy keeps our program effective and allows us to offer a high-quality experience.