

GET INVOLVED

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

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Where are you interested in being an Urban EcoSteward?

- EMERALD VIEW PARK
- FRICK PARK (ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER)
- FRICK PARK (NINE MILE RUN)
- HIGHLAND PARK
- RIVERVIEW PARK
- SCHENLEY PARK
- OTHER

Are you interested in being involved:

- AS AN INDIVIDUAL
- AS A GROUP

HOW LARGE IS YOUR GROUP? _____

Please mail or fax to:
Urban EcoSteward Coordinator
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
2000 Technology Drive, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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info@pittsburghparks.org

PARTNERS

The Urban EcoSteward program is a collaboration between the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Frick Environmental Center, and Mount Washington Community Development Corporation. Volunteers receive supervision and support from staff from these organizations.

The program is also part of the Urban Ecology Collaborative of Pittsburgh. This is the local branch of an eight-city effort with a mission to cultivate healthy, safe and vibrant cities through collective learning and united action. For more information go to www.urbanecologycollaborative.org.



WWW.PITTSBURGHPARKS.ORG



WWW.FRICKENVIRONMENTALCENTER.COM



WWW.NINEMILERUN.ORG



WWW.MWCDC.ORG

GIVE BACK TO YOUR CITY GREENSPACES

BECOME AN URBAN ECOSTEWARD



building sustainable
urban ecosystems
through citizen
stewardship

WHAT IS AN URBAN ECOSTEWARD?

Urban EcoStewards are volunteers who take on the long-term stewardship of a section of greenspace and work to improve the natural value of that space. This can include removing invasive plant species, adding native plants, controlling erosion and being an ambassador for park improvements by sharing knowledge.

Urban EcoStewards receive one-on-one training on their site and attend group trainings on relevant issues. Training is voluntary and includes workshops on the following topics:

- Invasive plant identification
- Invasive plant removal techniques
- Wildflower identification
- Erosion control
- Native shrub and tree identification
- Native seed collection
- Techniques for being a crew leader



Students gain hands-on and minds-on experience through the High School Urban EcoStewards program.

STEWARDSHIP

Urban EcoStewards are actively involved in improving their site through hands-on stewardship. EcoStewards are encouraged to visit their site as often as feasible, but three annual site visits are required. The stewardship of each site varies upon its location.

Depending on your site, activities involve:

EARLY SPRING:

- Garlic mustard removal
- Spring plantings
- Spring wildflower identification

LATE SPRING/SUMMER:

- Annual monitoring visit
- Japanese knotweed management
- Garlic mustard and non-native shrub removal

FALL:

- Native seed collection and fall plantings
- Late season invasive plant removal

WINTER:

- Vine removal and tree girdling

HIGH SCHOOL URBAN ECOSTEWARDS

Students gain park restoration experience through the High School Urban EcoStewards program. Through multiple hands-on, minds-on sessions in our City parks, students practice invasive plant control, site restoration, monitoring, and nature journaling.

If your high school or after school group is interested in participating in this program, you can learn more at www.pittsburghparks.org/high-school-ues or call 412-682-7275.

MONITORING

Monitoring the progress of each Urban EcoSteward site is an integral part of the program. EcoStewards monitor sites on an annual basis and record the presence or absence of targeted invasive species, litter, and erosion. This helps us track the progress of improving City greenspaces.



Janet Pazzynski



John Altdorfer

Urban EcoStewards play a critical role in improving Pittsburgh's parks.



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