

Skills Based Volunteer

Volunteer Description Overview

Skills Based Volunteers help complete professional-level projects for diverse Natural Areas staff. Current projects are listed at:

<https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/skills-based-volunteers>

Each volunteer is assigned a main staff contact who oversees the technical side of the project. In the spring, Skills Based Volunteers work independently with assistance from the staff contact who requested help with the project. In the fall, a cohort of Skills Based Volunteers will meet monthly (5-6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month) to learn more about the Natural Areas Department and receive support from the Public Engagement team, in addition to working with their staff contact. See the [project list](#) for more information about each project.

Key Responsibilities

- Work effectively with Natural Areas staff to complete a project and achieve stated priorities of the position.
- Meet regularly with staff to check in on stated expectations defined in a project plan (either in person, phone, or email).
- Attend all four cohort sessions.
- Give a 10-minute presentation about your project's results.
- Record hours and impact through the City's online system, Engage.

Impact

Help a high functioning staff and volunteer team steward our natural areas by completing a professional, high-impact project.

Training

- Job-specific training from your appointed staff contact
- FC Volunteers online onboarding course
- Natural Areas Department's orientation
- Opportunity to attend continuing education sessions

Support

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Supervision and support is provided by an assigned staff member indicated on the project list. For monthly check-ins and administrative questions, the Volunteer Specialist is the main contact.

Commitment

Roughly 20 hours a month on your own schedule plus regularly scheduled monthly meetings for the cohort of Skills Based Volunteers.

Skills and Qualifications

- Depends on project, see project descriptions for more information.
- Computer literacy
- Ages 18+

Dress Code

- Volunteer name tag (provided)
- Personal safety equipment (safety glasses, gloves etc.; provided) when required

Benefits

- Be a leader in our community by helping with high-impact volunteer service.
- Interact with people with similar interests.
- Participate in fun volunteer recognition and social events.
- Be an integral part of a large well-respected and forward-thinking land conservation and stewardship program.
- Be truly valued by Natural Areas Department staff and managers.
- Assist visitors in understanding and appreciating natural areas.
- Gain professional references.
- Have access to City job application system for internal-only positions.

Our Philosophy

By becoming a volunteer with us, you are joining a long history of community commitment to conservation. Since its inception, the Natural Areas Department has engaged volunteers on every level, from education to stewardship to leadership. Volunteers help extend outreach and strengthen community involvement. We believe that volunteers are one of our most valuable resources.

Information

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