The City of Fort Collins (FC) Volunteer Program is designed to creatively engage people in their unique talents. Everyone has unique talents, and when those are paired with a passion to help the results can be amazing.

With that aim, the City promotes volunteer involvement to improve services and create community.

This guide is just a brief overview of the volunteer opportunities with the City of Fort Collins. For more information about the programs, and to apply to volunteer, visit fcfgov.com/volunteer.

**LEGEND**

- **LT** - Long-term: requires a commitment of one year or more
- **ST** - Short-term: more than one day and less than one year commitment
- 🏭 - Internship opportunity
- 🌿 - One day service projects or events
- 💚 - Community Service; fulfills requirements for school or court
- 👥 - Group projects available
- 🌍 - Accepts volunteers ages 18 and under

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Gardens on Spring Creek**

**LT ST 🏭 👥 🌿**

Get involved with your local community botanic garden by assisting in a variety of roles including: gardening, education, outreach and special events.

**Lincoln Center**

**LT ST**

Help the Lincoln Center with performances, committees, the art gallery, administrative support and more.

**Museum of Discovery**

**LT ST 🏭**

Help the Museum of Discovery with exhibits, public programs, school groups, summer camps, labs, animal husbandry and more.
ENVIRONMENT

Graffiti Abatement

Volunteer to clean up graffiti with a group to keep Fort Collins beautiful.

Master Home Educators

Perform home assessments and educate citizens to solve common problems in the home that cause health implications. Internships are also available for those interested in environmental health.

Natural Areas

Help in a variety of roles including educating children, helping with public programs, patrolling trails, gardening, and restoring natural areas.

Nature in the City

Become a citizen scientist and spend time monitoring for birds, butterflies and bees.

Parks

Help keep Fort Collins beautiful by helping Parks by adopting a trail or park or serving with a group on a 1-Day project.

Planning

Internships are available in the Planning Department, in addition to planting projects for groups. City Plan Ambassadors host meetings to discuss the City’s new 20-year plan.

Recycling Ambassadors

As a Recycling Ambassador, you will help people recycle right at the new Timberline Recycling Center by welcoming visitors, answering questions and assisting customers.

Don’t see an opportunity that interests you?

We can help develop an opportunity or project with you. Fill out a general volunteer application on our website and explain how you would like to get involved!
GET MOVING

Adaptive Recreation Opportunities  
**LT ST**
Become a volunteer to assist with Adaptive Recreation programs or Special Olympics/Unified Sports.

Bicycle Ambassador  
**LT**
Promote safe cycling by educating adults and helping with events and programs.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts  
**1 Day**
Help collect data to evaluate and build bicycle infrastructure.

Early Learning  
**1 Day**
Help with youth programming through internships and events.

FC Moves  
**1 Day**
Make transportation-related community events possible by donating your time to run Bike to Work Day, Open Streets and more.

Safe Routes to School  
**LT**
Help champion walking and bicycling to schools by assisting with events, data collection and outreach to children and school communities.

Senior Center  
**LT**
Assist with Senior Center programs, events, and day to day facility operations.

Trips & Travel  
**LT**
Trips & Travel volunteers help with trip logistics where participants are eligible 50 years and up. Driving and non-driving roles available.

The Farm  
**LT ST**
The Farm at Lee Martinez Park has summer volunteer opportunities for 13 year olds and group one-day projects.

Youth Sports Coaches  
**ST**
Coach youth in a variety of different sports teams.

Auxiliary aids & services are available for persons with disabilities.
JUSTICE & GOVERNMENT

Boards and Commissions
LT
Serve a term on one of the City’s 27 Boards & Commissions to inform and advise City Council.

City Manager’s Office Internships
ST
Volunteer in an office environment to co-create our City, perform research or assist with an innovative project.

Volunteer Services
LT ST
Volunteers needed for office support, outreach events, and on-call volunteer duties across the organization. Don’t see an opportunity that interests you? We can help develop an opportunity or project with you.

Municipal Court Bailiff
LT ST
Learn about the local criminal justice system by volunteering your time to the Municipal Court.

Mediation
LT
Volunteer to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Police Explorers
LT
Youth volunteers ages 15 and up can learn about the field of law enforcement and assist patrol officers with their duties.

Auxiliary Police Unit
LT
Fort Collins Police Services offers free training and volunteer opportunities for citizens over 21 years old through the Auxiliary Police Officer program.

Restorative Justice
LT
Volunteer to mediate community conferences for youth who commit offenses and the victims of their crimes.

Utilities
ST
Group volunteering and unpaid internships are available for students and others interested in water and energy conservation, community outreach, and more.

Victim Advocates
LT
Victim Advocates offer emotional support and crisis intervention to crime victims.
ADOPT-A-________

**Adopt-A-Natural Area**
**LT**
Volunteer to take an active role in the stewardship of natural areas by doing monthly litter pick-ups. Anyone can volunteer to adopt a natural area including individuals, businesses, families, homeowners’ associations, etc.

**Adopt-A-Neighbor**
**ST**
Shovel snow for a neighbor who is physically unable to do so and cannot afford to hire someone.

**Adopt-A-Park**
**LT**
Assist with park maintenance in order to create a clean park environment for all to enjoy! Adopters can also help with special projects, such as graffiti cover-up, painting projects and planting flowers.

**Adopt-A-Street**
**LT**
Adopt a street segment with a group by picking up roadside litter, and a sign will be displayed for the adopters.

**Adopt-A-Trail**
**LT**
Assist with litter control along the bike trails. An organization or group of individuals can adopt a section of trail for a period of one year.

CITY OF FORT COLLINS INTERNSHIPS

**Economic Health**
For students and others interested in local economics and the triple bottom line approach to sustainability.

**Recreation**
Help market Recreation’s programs.

**Risk Management**
For students and others interested in Safety, Security and Risk Management.

**Social Sustainability**
For students and others interested in social health and the triple bottom line approach to sustainability. Volunteers are also recruited for the Multicultural Community Retreat.

**Wellness Internships and Practicums**
Complete your internship or practicum with the award-winning Employee Wellness Program at the City of Fort Collins.
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—Tim Weinmann
Master Naturalist

Find Your Why at fcgov.com/volunteer