2019 Volunteer Impact
The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board engages citizens by providing volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals to make an **IMPACT** in their community. Volunteerism plays an important role in creating support for the organization by educating and building **RELATIONSHIPS** with citizens. Every day, volunteers of the MPRB work to change the world. They bring invaluable skills, knowledge and experience to help further the **MISSION** of the organization. Volunteers’ work in the **COMMUNITY** is critical to MPRB’s ability to provide exceptional experiences to all park users. We value the **PASSION** and dedication of all volunteers who collaborate with us to:

- coach youth sports
- care for gardens and natural areas
- assist with special events
- lead programming in our parks

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. Your energy and commitment have a tremendous effect on the park system. You are one of our greatest assets!

And THANK YOU to volunteer supervisors who work hard to provide positive, meaningful experiences for our volunteers.

The following report highlights the brilliant work completed and amazing connections made by MPRB Volunteers in 2019.

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11,937 total volunteers

8,628 environmental volunteers

3,309 recreation volunteers
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
-Margaret Mead
3,492 one-time service project volunteers

2,741 park steward team members

environmental gardens & natural areas

"Thanks for the opportunity to participate and create something that so many people will enjoy." - Park Steward Lead Paul Waytz
1,137
citywide youth sports coaches

585
fundamental sports coaches

recreation

citywide athletics & rec centers

"...there are kids I've coached where when I first met them, they had no confidence or aptitude for the sport and where now they feel successful and confident--seeing kids grow like that is very rewarding as their coach." - MPRB Coach, Anonymous
community events
earth day, arbor day & more
2019 at a glance
random tidbits & fun facts

- 165 one-time group service projects
- 25 insect hotels built by Eagle Scouts to support pollinators
- 190 volunteer applications submitted
- 4,675 tulips planted in our neighborhood parks
- 522 new volunteer coaches recruited by staff
- 4 community gardens installed with volunteer muscle
- 66 stewards teams tend our gardens & natural areas
- 610 youth sports teams served by volunteer coaches
- 1,897 Earth Day volunteers picked 8,960 lbs of trash
- 231 Arbor Day volunteers planted over 200 trees
- 1,587 volunteers helped with Rec Center programs & events
- Garlic mustard & buckthorn pulled from 235 acres
- 372 coaches have volunteered for 3 straight years
- 670 Facebook followers
31,399 environmental volunteers hours served

113,649 recreation volunteers hours served

value of service

$4,083,103

priceless
we appreciate you
kudos & swag

MPRB staff seek to recognize & celebrate the energy & commitment of volunteers for their tremendous positive impact in our parks. Volunteer Appreciation Programming seeks to support & encourage year-round volunteerism through appreciation activities that acknowledge volunteers in meaningful ways that align with their volunteer preferences.

Appreciation activities include:
• t-shirts, caps, totes, water bottles & other useful swag
• invite only social & learning opportunities
• shout-outs & spotlights on social media, GovDelivery & at neighborhood parks
Amazing Volunteer Alert:

M’Angelo Harris has coached youth sports with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation board for over 14 years. His service to t... See More

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we'd love to hear from you

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