

ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION

# GIVE 365

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES | OUTREACH AND **PARK**NERSHIPS



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## 2022 Season Report

# Who We Are

- GIVE 365 is the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Volunteer and Outreach Program!
  - Founded in 2011
  - Funded by the ‘Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage’
  - Offices located at Fuller Park
  - Our motto: Anything is Possible.
  - We specialize in *Parknerships*.
  - Community engagement is our thing.



Fuller Park



GIVE 365 Office

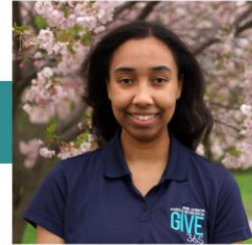
If you volunteered with **GIVE 365** this season, some of **our staff** should look familiar!



**ERIKA**  
*Recreation Supervisor*



**MELISSA**  
*Adopt-a-Park Coordinator*



**COLETTE**  
*Outreach Coordinator*



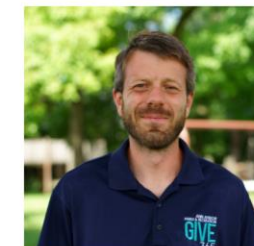
**CONOR**  
*Outreach Coordinator*



**RYAN**  
*Marketing / River Cleans*



**AMELIA**  
*Gardener*



**ANDY**  
*Playground Technician*



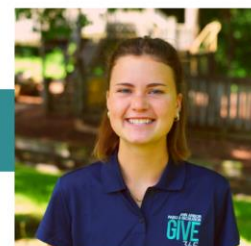
**OLIVER**  
*Crew / Event Team*



**EMILY**  
*Field Coordinator*



**DOMINIQUE**  
*Crew / Event Team*



**GRACE**  
*Crew / Event Team*



**MARTHA**  
*Park Historian*

# Our Values

Stewardship

Exceptional customer service

Innovative improvements

Integrity

Community

Exceptional parks and spaces

Fun!

# What We Do

We work with groups and individuals to help care for and maintain Ann Arbor's beautiful parks.

Who we work with:

- Businesses
- Students
- Ann Arbor Residents or Visitors
- Community Organizations
- Nonprofits
- Anyone who loves parks!



Neighbors at Kilburn Park



DTE River Clean



Veterans Memorial Park

# Where we Work

- We held volunteer events in **77** different parks during the 2022 season
- Number of events held at our larger parks this season:
  - Gallup - **33**
  - Veterans Memorial Park - **11**
  - Bandemer - **10**
  - Fuller - **9**
  - Argo - **7**
  - Bryant - **6**
  - Buhr - **5**

A wide-angle photograph of Veterans Memorial Park, showing a large green lawn, a playground with slides, and a covered picnic shelter in the background under a bright sky.

Veterans Memorial Park




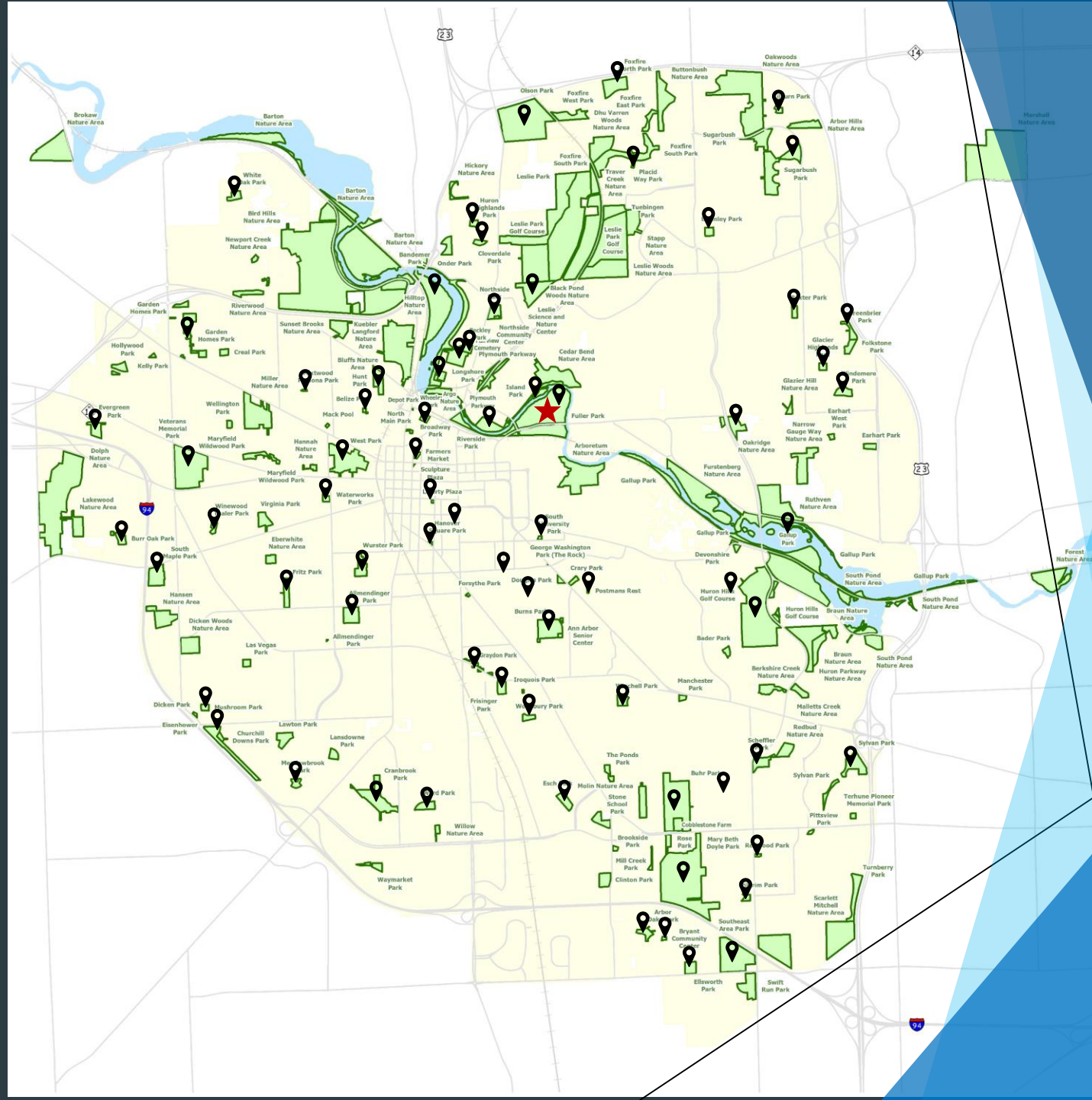
Gallup Park Butterfly Garden

# Our Reach

Border to Border  
across the city of  
Ann Arbor

 GIVE 365 Office

 Parks where GIVE 365 held events in 2022



# Our standard: Comprehensive Park Care

A lot goes into the stewardship of our park system, including:

- The maintenance of **69** individual gardens
- The maintenance of **78** playgrounds
- Continuous efforts to **pick-up litter** as it accumulates in parks and along the Huron River
- The **management of nonnative, invasive brush** in our parks' wooded areas
- **Murals and painting projects** to transform parks spaces into welcoming and warm scenes
- & **more!**



How do we  
achieve  
this  
Standard?

The most valuable  
resource: passionate  
and engaged  
volunteers!

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## 2022 Volunteer Report

- Total Volunteers: 2,056
- Volunteer Hours: 7,212
- Workdays & Events: 201



Argo  
Cascades



Gallup  
Park



Community High  
at Riverside Park

# Our Events & Initiatives

# Trash Trailblazers

- Independent litter pick-up volunteer opportunity for individuals or groups
- Supplies provided, including litter pickers, reusable bags, gloves, a record keeping sheet, and a map
- Spend time on your own schedule, at a park of your choosing, picking up litter
- This program helps keep our parks clean!
- Win your own litter pick-up kit through our [Visit Every Park Challenge](#)



# Visit Every Park Challenge



- Explore Ann Arbor's natural spaces & discover all the parks the city has to offer!
- Prize incentives with an “outdoor adventure” theme!



# Love a Park Days

- 26 LAPD Events this season
- Variety of parks
- Beautification and clean up projects
- Individual and small group volunteer engagement

Olson Park



Evergreen Park



Pilgrim Park



Huron Highlands Park

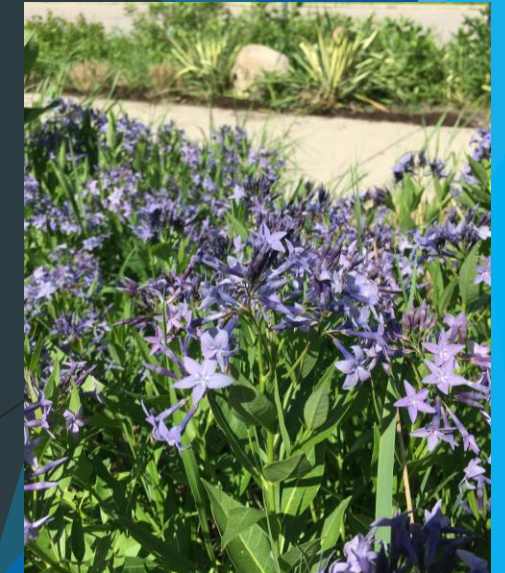
## Veterans Memorial Park

# Gardening

- 62 events held in gardens
- 676 volunteer hours spent in gardens
- 22 gardens adopted
- Guiding gardening philosophy
  - Support what is present
  - Maximize seasonal interest
  - Plant natives and provide native habitat



Fuller Park



Buhr Park

# Shoreline Restoration & Invasive Removal

- 2 Shoreline Restoration Projects (Gallup Park & Island Park)
  - *Parknership* with the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioners Office
  - Erosion prevention and habitat support
- 16 Invasive Removal events held at 11 different parks
  - Cutting nonnative, invasive plant species, including Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, and more
  - Seeding native plants

Gallup Park Shoreline



Island Park Shoreline



Invasive Removal at Island Park



# Playgrounds

- 45 events held in playgrounds
  - Weeding
  - Spreading woodchips into a safe play surface
- 582 volunteers participated in playground workdays
- 893 volunteer hours recorded
- 33 playgrounds resurfaced
- 75/78 city playgrounds have little to no weeds, without the use of herbicides



Love a Park Day at Windemere Park



Sigma Chi at Longshore Park



DTE at Winewood Thaler Park

# Huron River Trips

- 17 river clean-up events held this year
- Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program grant funded by the Michigan Department of EGLE
- Over 1,500 pounds of litter removed from the Huron River
- A total of 172 volunteers participated this season
- 353 volunteer hours spent on the river



Rudolph Steiner  
Gallup Pond Clean



IOE Gallup Pond  
Clean

# Adopt-A-Park Program

- Long-term relationship with an individual park
- Adopters and staff work together to develop expectations, create workplans, and schedule workdays.
- 47 Active Adopters across the city
- 28 Adopt-A-Park workdays this season
- Over 2,000 AAP volunteer hours logged this season

EMU Alpha Sigma Phi at Garden Homes Park



Neighbors at Wurster Park



Grace Bible Church at Veterans Memorial Park



OSI at Bryant Community Center

# 2022 - The Return of Special Events

# Earth Day

- Free, family-friendly activities at the Leslie Science and Nature Center
- Food & live music
- Learning presentations around sustainable living, including:
  - Water awareness displays
  - Proper recycling clinics
  - & more!



# Huron River Day

- Parknership with many other organizations
- Free, family-friendly activities at Gallup Park
- Paddle boats and kayaking
- Animals from the Leslie Science & Nature Center
- River exhibits



# Visit Every Park Champion Celebration at Liberty Plaza

- Celebration of our VEP champions who have visited all **162** city parks
- Fun party games
- Live music
- Liberty Plaza transformed
- Inclusive and energetic atmosphere brought to downtown Ann Arbor



# Dr. Lockett Park Renaming Event

- Read about the [history of Lockett Park](#)



# Volunteer Appreciation Event at Fuller Park

- Celebration of our wonderful volunteers
- **GIVE 365** swag raffle
- Summer cookout
- Fun party and lawn games





# Trick or Treat on the River at Gallup Park

- Return of the award winning, city favorite event
- 113 volunteers helped make it possible
- Over 1,000 event participants
- 18 treat stations on Gallup Pond and *a lot* of candy passed out!



# Just a handful of the many highlights from Trick or Treat on the River

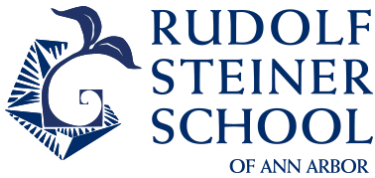
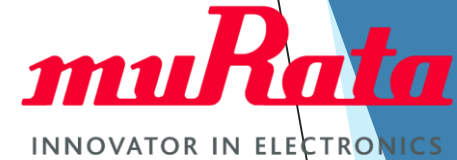
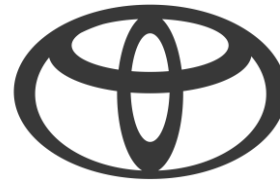


# “Goatscaping” & Goat Open House

- Parknered with Twin Willow Ranch to bring 7 goats out to clear invasive vegetation
- Visit [Goats at Work](#) for Goatscaping information
- GIVE 365 hosted an Open House where families could pet and feed the goats & learn about the process



# Groups We've *Parknered* with in 2022!



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# Bouncing Back

- Strong recovery from the effects of the pandemic thanks to our wonderful volunteers!
- **75%** increase in volunteer hours from 2021, and a **287%** increase from 2020!
- Optimistic about 2023 & excited to spend more time with the community in parks!



Thank You to the **volunteers**  
for their dedication to park  
stewardship efforts!

Saline Key Club at Ward Park



Forward Design at Gallup Park



DTE Biomass Gallup Pond Clean



Adopt-A-Park Neighbors at Wurster Park

Neighbors at Glacier Highlands Park



Skymint pond clean at Gallup Park



Toyota Subaru at Gallup Park



Target at Mary Beth Doyle Park



Argo Cascades



Riverside Park



JFS at West Park



Adopt-A-Park Neighbors at Graydon Park



Adopt-A-Park Trinity Lutheran Church at South Maple Park



NSF at Gallup Park

Love A Park Day at Cloverdale Park



Bethel Church at Wheeler Park



UofM Dentistry at Gallup Park



Scouts at Veterans Memorial Park



Concordia at Evergreen Park



LAPD at Waterworks Park