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.
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 Clean

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!
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
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!
2022 Volunteer Report

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

Evergreen Park
Pilgrim Park
Olson Park
Huron Highlands 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

Veterans Memorial Park
Buhr Park
Fuller Park
Shoreline Restoration & Invasive Removal

- 2 Shoreline Restoration Projects (Gallup Park & Island Park)
  - *Partnership* 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
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
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
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
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

- Partnership 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

- *Park*nered 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!
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