

THE GIVE GAZETTE

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Volunteers relax after setting up Vet's pool for summer

May Impact Report

Through the wind and rain of May, our volunteers have been working hard to spruce up parks around Ann Arbor in anticipation of sunnier days to come. We've planted flowers, set up pool decks, and cleared massive amounts of invasive species and weeds. Read about the Adopt-A-Park kickoff on the following page, and find out how our newest (and cutest) volunteers clear poison ivy on page 3!

17 events

302 volunteers

740 volunteer hours

2,200+ plants and flowers planted



Planting at Fuller

Adopt-A-Park Highlights



Adopters mulching at
Glacier Highlands Park

Adopt-a-Park has had a great kick-off to the season with six neighborhood park clean ups on Saturday, May 18th at Allmendinger Park, Burr Oak Park, Glacier Highlands Park, Greenbrier Park, Winewood Thaler Park, and Wurster Park. These park adopters and their neighbors came together to beautify their park and get it in tip-top shape for the summer! Projects included weeding, planting flowers, mulching trees, removing invasive vegetation, and more!

Thank you so much to these amazing neighbors for organizing their park clean-ups and providing so much care.



Adopters at Greenbrier Park



Adopters at Burr Oak Park

We have also had several awesome workdays with school groups and businesses at their adopted parks this spring. And we can't forget about our wonderful individual adopters who put so many hours and such dedicated care gardening and tending to their park. If you would like to be involved in giving your local park some extra TLC or inspiring your neighborhood to get involved together, let us know!

Current 2019 Numbers

40 parks adopted

427.5 volunteer hours



Event Highlights

May marks many of our annual events, including A2 Blooms Day and Huron River Day. Thanks to all that came out, braved the rains, planted over 2,000 flowers, and made these events a success!



A2 Blooms Day volunteers with their completed bed



Huron River Day Volunteers



Coming Soon: Goats!



Meet our newest park volunteers - 10 goats!

'Goatscaping', an old-fashioned solution to plant control, allows us to address poison ivy, overgrown brush, and invasive plants in non-chemical ways. Our newest volunteers, 10 goats from from Twin Willow Ranch in Milan, MI, will be clearing brush at Gallup Park from June 6th - 27th. Give 365 is hosting Goat Talk & Walks for everyone to learn more. Visit a2gov.org/goats-at-gallup for more information about this pilot program and for all the goats' bios and pictures.



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