

Town of Huntington Park Stewardship Program

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BACKGROUND

The Huntington Park Stewardship Program was established in 1985. The program promotes the active involvement of concerned, responsible local citizens and groups. Its purpose is to assist the Town in ensuring the protection, preservation, and safe use of designated parklands.

BECOMING A PARK STEWARD

Any concerned local citizen of group who live in the vicinity of a designated parkland, or regularly use a designated parkland, may apply to become a park steward.

Applications are screened by the Conservation Board. Selected applicants will be recommended to the Town Board for appointment. All appointments are made by majority vote of the Town Board.

TIME INVESTMENT

Park Stewards should plan to visit their assigned parks several times throughout the year. Stewards should observe and report any potential hazards or abuse to the ecological integrity of the park to the appropriate Town departments.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

Park Stewards act as “eyes and ears” for various Town Departments, observing conditions within the parks and monitoring their uses.

Stewards are expected to report:

- Notable hazards which may develop, such as fallen trees and broken playground equipment
- Abusive or destructive practices in the park such as dumping, tree-cutting, or vandalism
- Suggestions which might facilitate the maintenance or improvement of ecological integrity within the park

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Park Stewards may not alter or modify the park, its trails, access points, or any other features or facilities except as provided by stewardship agreements or as agreed to by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Park Stewards are observers, not law officers or enforcers, and shall not take any matters into their own hands. All incidents should be reported to the Town as soon as possible.

APPLICATION

Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail

For which park are you applying?

First choice

Alternate

If you are already familiar with the park you have requested, how often do you use the park?

Are you at least 18 years old?

[] Yes

[] No

Why would you like to become a Park Steward?

