



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A scenic sunset over a bayou with trees and a path. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun's reflection is visible on the water in the foreground. The trees are silhouetted against the bright sky, and a path leads through the trees towards the water.

Community & Natural Values

The mission of the Harris County Flood Control District is to provide flood damage reduction projects that work, with appropriate regard for community and natural values. With the help of volunteers, the Flood Control District is able to further its commitment to Harris County residents.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering provides individuals and groups the satisfaction of giving back to their communities. The Flood Control District's volunteer programs positively impact neighborhoods, the environment and many areas along Harris County's extensive bayou and stormwater detention basin systems. The Flood Control District offers various volunteer opportunities that are coordinated through the Community Services Section of its Infrastructure Division.

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Tree Planting

The Flood Control District can provide trees and planting plans for tree-planting events at approved locations, typically near bayous, creeks and stormwater detention basins. Trees play an essential role in slowing stormwater run-off, filtering pollutants and reducing erosion. Trees also beautify communities and provide habitat for wildlife.



Trash Cleanup

The Flood Control District can help coordinate trash cleanup events along bayous, creeks and stormwater detention basins by providing gloves and trash bags and collecting bagged trash once an event is complete. Floatable trash, such as bottles and plastic grocery bags, often enters bayous and stormwater detention basins and eventually collects on land or floats downstream to Galveston Bay. Not only is trash an eyesore, it can impede the flow of stormwater and be hazardous to wildlife and to the environment.



Graffiti Removal

Many concrete-lined bayous, rainfall gage stations and water-quality monitoring devices have been marked by graffiti. Although it can be considered a form of urban artwork, graffiti is not permitted on Flood Control District property. The District can help agencies coordinate the removal of graffiti from its infrastructure and facilities.



Sponsoring an Event

1. Individuals and groups interested in sponsoring volunteer events should submit a written request to the Flood Control District's Community Services Section:

**Harris County Flood Control District
Community Services Section
9900 Northwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77092**

The request should specify the type of volunteer event, the date and time of the event and include a map of the event's approximate location. Additional information should be provided for the following types of events:

- Tree Planting:** If you would like the Flood Control District to provide trees, please estimate the number your volunteers will plant. Our staff will select the appropriate species and size.
 - Trash Cleanup:** Include a map indicating where trash should be collected after the event. The Flood Control District will need this information to pick up bagged trash. Our staff will provide trash bags upon request.
2. The volunteer event sponsor must obtain permission from the Flood Control District before accessing the event site. Permission is provided in a letter from the District to the event sponsor.
 3. A liability form provided by the Flood Control District must be signed by the volunteer event sponsor and by all participating volunteers prior to the event.
 4. Please allow the Flood Control District 14 days to respond to written requests and allow eight weeks to coordinate the event.



For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact the Flood Control District's Community Services Section at:

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