

Enhancing Our Urban Greenspace Through Community Outreach

2022 Annual Volunteer Report



**CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON**
PARKS AND RECREATION



Invasive Plant Control & Native Plantings

Volunteers helped the Urban Greenspace (UGS) team manage invasive species on **26 properties in 2022.**

UGS volunteer events = 178

These volunteers included:

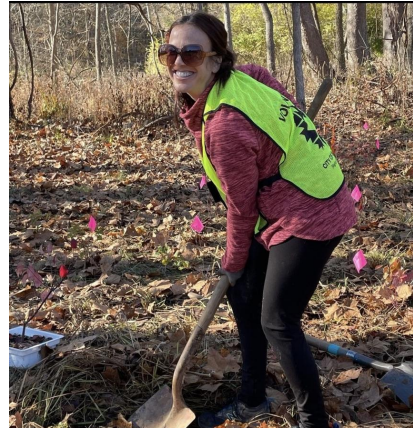
Adopt-a-Greenspace (AAG) participants, Parks partner Monroe County - Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS) members and Bloomington & Monroe County community members.

Total volunteer hours = 3,138



AAG, Sam Armstrong and volunteers removing Asian bittersweet at Bryan Park

Volunteers at Southeast Park finish their garlic mustard pull



Not all events were focused on invasive removal. Volunteers planted 461 native shrubs and trees at the Ferguson Dog Park planting in October!

Urban Greenspace Properties that volunteers helped remove invasives and plant natives in 2022!

B-Line Trail
Bloomington Rail Trail
Broadview Park
Bryan Park
Rev. Butler Park
Clear Creek Trail
Creek's Edge Trail
Crestmont Park
Ferguson Dog Park
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve
Goat Farm/Rogers Family Park
Highland Village Park
Latimer Woods



BHSS volunteer, Chloe Borders, planting acorns at Winslow Sports Complex

Lower Cascades Park
Maple Heights Naturescape
Olcott Park
Park Ridge Park
Park Ridge East Park
RCA Community Park
Rose Hill Cemetery
Southdowns Parcel
Southeast Park
Switchyard Park
Wapehani Mountain Bike Park
Winslow Sports Complex
Winslow Woods Park



AAG(s) Kathy and Doug Curry at Winslow Sports Complex

Adopt-a-Greenspace (AAG)

Adopt-a-Greenspace properties = **21**

Adopt-a-Greenspace participants = **42**

Adopt-a-Greenspace volunteer hours = **1,635**

($\frac{1}{2}$ of all volunteer hours for 2022!)

5 Adopt-a-Greenspace volunteers have received the **BRAVO** award for their time and efforts!

Margaret Dalle-Ave, Don Eggert, Cathy Meyer and Jon and Jennifer Vickers

Many adopters “cross pollinated” this year and worked at AAG properties. This includes Adopt-a-Stream, Adopt-a-Trail, and Park Ambassadors.

AAG Properties and Adopters

Southeast Park

Donald Eggert

Winslow Woods Park

Yvonne Wittmann

Jeffrey Palmer

Jon Vickers

Jennifer Vickers

Winslow Sports Complex

Kathy Curry

Doug Curry

Elsbeth Hayden

Crestmont Park

Sharon Roulet

Griffy Lake North Fork

Eli Trinkle

Griffy Lake Dunn Street

Margaret Dalle-Ave

Linda Kern

Paul Kern

Dave Withered

Park Ridge East Park

Nancy Anderson

Southdowns Parcel

Cathy Meyer

B-Link

Kelley Scholfield

B-Line Trail

Alex Weissman

Bloomington Rail Trail

Allisyn Gillet

Bryan Park

Sam Armstrong

Judith Brennan

Angela Sturdevant

Goat Farm/Rogers Family Park

Ellen Mills

Creek's Edge Trail

Lee McKinley

RCA Community Park

Mary Welz

Eli McCormick

Ferguson Dog Park

Matt Schulz

Park Ridge Park

Ellen Tamura

Ellen Mills

Christine Carver

Steve Akers

Mitch Rice

Emily McMurry-Walsh

Highland Village Park

Caitlin Wigginton

Broadview Park

Andrew Simmons

Crystal Ritter

Maple Heights Naturescape

Casey Green

Sue Hathaway

Terry Usrey

Tom Doark

Clear Creek Trail

Dori Meyer

Joe Meyer

Volunteer Events Per Property in 2022

The top five properties with the most volunteer events:

Lower Cascades Park: **31**

Winslow Sports Complex: **28**

Bryan Park: **14**

Latimer Woods: **14**

Winslow Woods Park: **13**



Bloomington High School South student volunteers at Winslow Sports Complex



MC-IRIS member, Ingrid Bagge Wiebke, removing Asian bush honeysuckle at Latimer Woods



Weed wrangle volunteers from IU Ballroom Dance at Lower Cascades Park

UGS staff hosted 178 events in 2022

Bryan Park	14
Bloomington Rail Trail	10
Rev. Butler Park	1
Clear Creek Trail	11
Creeks Edge Trail	4
Crestmont Park	3
Ferguson Dog Park	3
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve	14
Highland Village Park	1
Latimer Woods	14
Lower Cascades Park	31
Olcott Park	1
Park Ridge East Park	1
RCA Community Park	7
Rose Hill Cemetery	2
Southdowns Parcel	2
Southeast Park	12
Switchyard Park	5
Wapehani Mountain Bike Park	1
Winslow Sports Complex	28
Winslow Woods Park	13
TOTAL # OF EVENTS	178



Parks staff and MC-IRIS volunteers at a Winslow Woods Park weed wrangle

2022 Volunteer Hours

The top five properties with the most volunteer hours:

Griffy Lake Nature Preserve: **561**

Winslow Sports Complex: **405**

Lower Cascades Park: **339**

Southeast Park: **316**

Winslow Woods Park: **233**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead



Jolie Blevins, UGS Data Coordinator, using flags to mark control areas at Clear Creek Trail

Gillian Field UGS Outreach Coordinator with volunteers and equipment



Emily Smitheram UGS Data Coordinator and Joanna Sparks UGS Manager at Ferguson Dog Park community planting event

All these Bloomington Parks properties were enhanced with many hours of volunteer help in 2022.

B-Line Trail	40
Bloomington Rail Trail	102
Broadview Park	2.5
Bryan Park	102.5
Rev. Butler Park	108
Clear Creek Trail	72
Creek's Edge Trail	12.25
Crestmont Park	29.25
Ferguson Dog Park	72.5
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve	561
Rogers Family Park/Goat Farm	13
Highland Village Park	2
Latimer Woods	118

Lower Cascades Park	339
Maple Heights Naturescape	20
Olcott Park	38
Park Ridge Park	98
Park Ridge East Park	86
RCA Community Park	190
Rose Hill Cemetery	29.5
Southdowns Parcel	20
Southeast Park	316
Switchyard Park	89
Wapehani Mountain Bike Park	22.5
Winslow Sports Complex	405
Winslow Woods Park	233

Volunteers help us to achieve our goals faster!

Total value of volunteer time:

3,138 hrs x \$29.95, total =

\$93,983.10

(based on 2022 Federal volunteer per hour rate)

Total staff time with volunteers on site: **885**

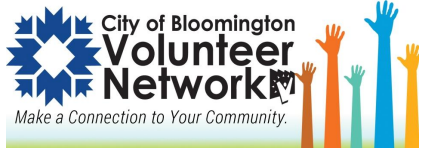
These events allowed individuals and organizations of all ages and backgrounds to connect with our shared greenspace and work towards a common goal!



Adopt-a-Greenspace volunteers Don Eggert and Sam Armstrong, along with a weed wrangle volunteer, tackle cutting ABH at Bryan Park along the eastern edge parking lot.

Ella Goldman, BHSS student volunteer planting acorns at Winslow Sports Complex





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**Special thanks to
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events!**

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Park Ridge East Native Pollinator Garden established with the help of City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, funded in part by HAND, and coordinated by Adopt-a-Greenspace volunteer Nancy Anderson