

Volunteer Roles



Restoration & Gardening Volunteers

Stewarding our natural areas takes dedication from community members and the general public. Volunteers who elect to participate in restoration and gardening have the opportunity to work alongside our Conservation Crew weeding, mulching, watering, planting, and weaving vines at River House.

Ideal for: individuals & groups Season: April – November No experience needed

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers

Our water quality monitoring stewards are passionate and driven individuals. These volunteers and community scientists receive training and are provided with materials. They select from a list of 15 monitoring stations and independently (or in small groups) collect water samples and take measurements. Their dedication makes the water quality monitoring program possible.

Ideal for: individuals & groups Season: May – October Training session in April

Park & River Clean-Ups & Outs

The Bronx River Alliance is resolute in finding and stopping trash before it enters the river and contributes to the global issue of marine debris. Stewards don waders to engage in the community science program Project WASTE (Waterway And Street Trash Elimination), which analyzes trash flowing down the river, through clean-out events at a trash boom. Land-based clean-ups occur in parks and forested areas and offer volunteers the opportunity to participate in trash removal projects.

Ideal for: individuals & groups Season: April – November No experience needed

On-water Recreation Volunteer

Experience the Bronx River and support our popular paddling program through on-water safety. Volunteers assist with on-water programming, ensuring the safety of all participants.

Ideal for: individuals & groups Season: May – October Paddling experience required

Office Volunteer

Gain valuable office experience while helping the Bronx River Alliance behind the scenes. Office volunteers should be able to multitask and be highly motivated, assisting with a variety of administrative tasks including, but not limited to, development mailings, monthly newsletter, communications, photo archiving, and promotional materials/flyers.

Ideal for: individuals Season: year round No experience needed

Special Event Support

Special Events volunteers support community programming through a variety of events, like Community Fridays, Assembly, and The Amazing Bronx River Flotilla. Volunteers serve in numerous capacities, including assisting with registration, distributing materials/food, tabling, and engaging with community members in attendance in or supporting Bronx River parks.

Ideal for: individuals & groups Season: year round No experience needed

Have other skills to share not listed here? Reach out to our team at volunteer@bronxriver.org letting us know how you could help!

**All volunteer activities support organizational goals and are supervised by program managers.*