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Volunteer Updates

Welcome Volunteers!



Thanks for signing up for our new Volunteer Updates newsletter. This newsletter includes details about an upcoming volunteer training and opportunities for you to get involved with the watershed. We hope you enjoy volunteering with us, as much as we enjoy working with you!

Volunteer Training

Tuesday, April 11

6:30-8:00 PM at Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point



Are you interested in volunteering for Nine Mile Creek? Come to a training on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30-8:00 PM. You'll learn about what it means to be a watershed district volunteer and what opportunities there are to help in the watershed. We'll also discuss your ideas about volunteering.

RSVP on the [Volunteer Training](#) event on our website.

Featured Opportunities

Discovery Point Grounds Volunteer

We need help maintaining our landscaping beds. All you need is a couple hours each month during the growing season, and a small amount of plant ID experience. Nine Mile Creek will host a weeding social every month, where volunteers can weed together, and eat snacks on the patio afterwards!

You can find a description and pictures of each bed at the [Volunteer](#)



[Opportunities](#) page on our website.
Click on the Sign Up Genius button to
sign up for a garden bed by June 9th!



Become a Master Water Steward



Keep lakes and creeks clean in your community!

The watershed is now accepting applications to become a Nine Mile Creek Master Water Steward. The Master Water Stewards program is a volunteer education and outreach program designed to equip citizens with the knowledge and skills needed to help improve water quality at the local level. Stewards take classes every other week from October to April from experts in the fields of hydrology, stormwater management, water policy, community-based social marketing, landscape assessment, and installation of clean water practices. Then, they install a pollution prevention project, and perform other volunteer service in their watershed.

Becoming a Master Water Steward is a great way to connect with like-minded people, protect the environment, and beautify your neighborhood.

Go to www.masterwaterstewards.org to learn more.

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Valley Park Clean Up

Sunday, May 7, 2017: 1-4 PM

Valley Park, Hopkins ([700 8th St. S, Hopkins](#))



Help keep Nine Mile Creek clean! We need volunteers to clean up trash along Nine Mile Creek in Hopkins' Valley Park. How many bags do you think we can fill? The District will have gloves and bags available. Snacks and water will be provided, along with free water bottles.

Register at:

www.ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/hopkins-valley-park-clean-up/

Planting Event

Saturday, September 9, 2017: 9 AM-12 PM

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point: ([12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie](#))

Help us plant 1,000 native plant plugs in the restoration area at Discovery Point. Learn about habitat restoration and native plants, while helping to restore what was once a buckthorn infested area of the property. We'll provide tools, snacks, and lunch!

Register at:

www.ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/volunteer-planting/



Buckthorn Bust

Saturday, October 28, 2017: 9 AM-12 PM

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point: ([12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie](#))



No experience needed! Come learn how to remove buckthorn, and help us clear a section of the Discovery Point property of this unwanted invasive. We will have some hand tools available, but bring yours as well. Safety equipment, morning snacks and lunch provided!

Register at:

<https://www.ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/buckthorn-bust/>

Snapshot



Our volunteers have lots of fun while helping at Nine Mile Creek programs and events. A former MinnAqua intern helps with a fishing program, and Sea Life employees help keep stormdrains clear of trash and leaves. If you have a great idea for a volunteer event, [let us know!](#) Photo Credit: L Xiong and G Zembal.

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