



Riverkeeper Volunteers - an Overview

Introduction to Riverkeeper's Volunteer Program

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Riverkeeper's Mission and Vision

Our mission: to protect and restore the Hudson River from source to sea and safeguard drinking water supplies, through advocacy rooted in community partnerships, science and law.

Our vision: a future in which the Hudson River, its tributaries and watershed, and the New York City drinking watershed are

- restored to ecological health and balance, free-flowing, resilient, and teeming with life
- reliable sources of safe, clean drinking water
- recovered from historic and inequitable environmental harms
- safe and accessible for swimming, fishing, boating and other recreational activities
- valued and stewarded by all

Why Volunteer

Community members play a primary role in protecting their local environment.

You can help Riverkeeper and act on your passion for a healthy Hudson River.

Let's keep the Hudson free from pollution and protect the quality of drinking water for millions of New Yorkers together!



How Volunteering Helps the Hudson

Volunteers make our work possible!

We are a small staff of 25 serving the Hudson. We rely on volunteer energy to reach new people, represent Riverkeeper at events, and help with clean-ups and restoration projects.





How to Volunteer

[Check our current listings](#) to sign up for an opportunity.

New opportunities are added as they become available. Be sure to include your name and contact information.

Types of Volunteer Opportunities

Administrative - data entry, mass mailings, photocopying, etc.

Outreach - tabling at events and festivals

River Stewardship - Sweep on the first Saturday in May, cleanups, ecological restoration and tree plantings

Community Science - water quality testing



Administrative

Sometimes we need extra help with office work. Indoor office duties include mailing, document filing, data entry, and paper shredding. Data entry may also be completed remotely.



Outreach

This is your opportunity to advocate for the Hudson and educate the public.

We table at community events and festivals throughout the watershed that have a focus on the Hudson River, water issues, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife, and other related themes.

As a Riverkeeper volunteer, you will be educating others about Riverkeeper, our mission, history, and work, current issues and opportunities to take action.



River Stewardship

Our single largest day of service, the [Riverkeeper Sweep](#), falls under this category.

We also plan other hands-on activities such as invasive species site maintenance and tree planting projects in the late summer and fall when it is not too hot.

The work can be dirty but is fun, rewarding, and educational!



Water Quality Testing

A limited number of slots open up each year for community scientists. These volunteers collect [water quality samples](#) that are available on our website for the public. Our water quality study assesses for *Enterococcus*, a fecal indicator bacteria.

Sampling begins in April and volunteers must commit to six months of water quality sampling. Make sure you indicate your interest on the [Volunteer Form](#) early.





Questions?

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