

# Conservancy Volunteers

The Conservancy Volunteers program impact since 2002:



29,000  
volunteers

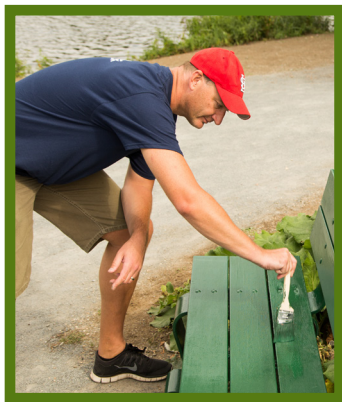


\$1.8 million of  
donated labor



96,000  
hours

The Conservancy Volunteers program enlists volunteers of all ages and abilities to participate in vital park maintenance. Participating volunteers include middle and high school students, university groups, corporate sector employees, and local community members who are dedicated to making the parklands vibrant places for respite and recreation.



## Volunteer projects include:

- Providing landscaping services
- Removing non-native invasive plants
- Improving the pathways
- Painting park benches and picnic tables
- Planting thousands of daffodil bulbs
- Maintaining parkland garden beds
- Pruning trees

## BECOME A CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEER!

Join us to steward, enhance, and renew the parklands along the Charles. For more information, visit: [www.thecharles.org](http://www.thecharles.org).

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# Swim Park Project

Thanks to decades of environmental cleanup, the Charles River water quality has made a tremendous comeback. Though swimming is not currently allowed, the Conservancy is working to reclaim the river by building an urban river swim park--the first in the United States!

We are currently working with a team of marine engineers, DCR, and many other partners to make the swim park a reality.

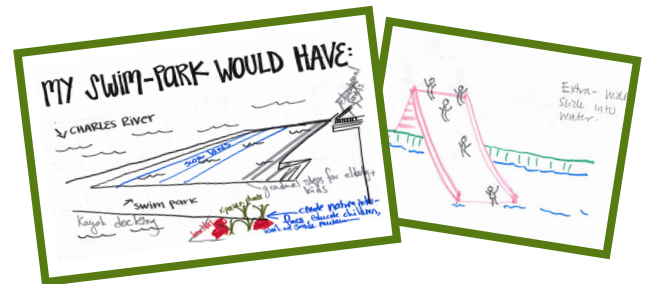
## Enthusiasm

Since 2013, we have hosted sanctioned community swims in the Charles for one afternoon each summer called City Splash! Over 1,200 participants have jumped in with us, demonstrating the community's interest and passion for river swimming.



## Feasibility

In 2016, Stantec authored a feasibility study that identified a site at North Point Park where (given further research) a swim park is possible.



## Community Input

During the spring of 2017, we hosted two public planning forums in Boston and Cambridge! The ideas community members shared are informing the programming and design process.



## Water Quality

With the support of a generous donor, we partnered with Northeastern University to sponsor a graduate student to analyze the water at the proposed swim park site daily for two summers for E. coli and cyanobacteria. Results from 2017 are very encouraging and we will release all the information after the second summer.



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