Trail Stewardship

Volunteer Description
City of Aurora Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) Trail Stewards are the extra eyes and ears for the OSNR division and perform stewardship practices while on Aurora trails. They report maintenance needs and illegal activities using designated pathways. Trail Stewards also conduct wildlife monitoring, pick up trash and remove invasive plant species while volunteering on Aurora trails. If approached while wearing a volunteer uniform, Trail Stewards can share their knowledge of the area by providing information to users about wayfinding, wildlife, and open space rules and regulations.

Duties
- Observe and report safety issues, violations of open space regulations, maintenance issues through designated channels.
- Provide a positive presence on the trails and open spaces.
- Provide information and answer questions from trail users if approached.
- Provide spot maintenance of trails by picking up trash.
- Remove invasive plant species along trails.
- Report wildlife observations using iNaturalist.

Required Training
Trail stewards are required to watch two training videos. One is an orientation on being an OSNR volunteer and the other is the training for trail stewardship. After completion, volunteers must attend an in-person meeting with the volunteer coordinator to go over trail stewardship duties, receive an OSNR volunteer shirt and badge, and trail resources.

Dress Code
While performing trail stewardship the following items must be worn. All are provided:
- Volunteer shirt
- Volunteer name badge

Benefits
- Log volunteer hours while being in nature and exercising.
- Give back to nature by picking up trash, removing invasive plant species and monitoring wildlife.
- Interact with trail users (optional).

Questions
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How to apply
Click here to apply to be a Trail Steward

Our mission is to preserve open spaces that connect people with nature, today and in the future, through effective stewardship practices.