

County of Bucks
Volunteer Waiver & Release Agreement

Background

Bucks County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the “County”) desires to beautify the County parks and common areas where community volunteers will perform the following tasks (the “Volunteer Work”):

Job Type: Facilities/Grounds/Water

Scope of Work: Providing support to County Staff in maintaining facilities including, but not limited to, removing trash, graffiti, and other debris from park grounds. Also, may include building, stewarding, maintaining trails, removing invasive plants, conducting vegetation monitoring, planting and maintaining native species. monitoring and maintaining waterways (ponds), removing trash and other debris from streams and other waterways.

Tools to be Used: Shovel, Stone Rake, Leaf Rake, Long Handle Hoe, Wheel Barrow, Pitch Fork, Pickaxe, Mattock, Grub/Adze Hoe, Post Hole Digger, Auger, McLeod Rake, Water Can, Hose, Trash Picker, Peavy/Log Roller, Log Carrier, Leaf Blower, Clippers, Loppers, Pruning Saw, Axe, Bow Saw, Crosscut Saw, Chainsaw, Pole Saw, Weed Wacker, Scythe, Grass Whip, Wood Chipper, Lawn Mower, Hedge Trimmer, Mallet, Sledge Hammer, Digging Bars, Rock Shaping Tools, Pesticide Sprayer, Power Washer, Tamp, Rock Sling, Vacuum, Net, Bucket, Small Watercraft, Handheld Power Tools, Live Stake Tool, Soil Knife

PPE Required May Include: Gloves, steel-toed boots, waterproof boots, ear protection, mask, protective clothing (long sleeve shirt, pants, close-toed shoes), eye protection (goggles, safety glasses, or face shield), helmet, saw apron/chaps, knee pads, personal flotation device

County Parks May Include: Black Ditch, Chicken Foot, Churchville Nature Center, Core Creek, Dark Hollow, Delaware River Access, Falls of the Delaware, Fallsington, Fonthill Tile Works, Frosty Hollow, Hal H. Clark, Horse Park, Hulmeville Falls, Lake Towhee, Neshaminy Falls, Oxford Valley Golf Course, Oxford Valley Park and Pool, Peace Valley Nature Center, Peace Valley, Pine Run, Playwicki, Prahl’s Island, Queen Anne, Ringing Rocks, Robin Run, Silver Lake Nature Center, Silver Lake, Stover-Myers Mill, Tinicum, Tohickon Valley, Van Sant Airport .

Assumption of Risk

As a participant or as the parent/guardian of a participant in the Volunteer Work, I acknowledge and confirm that the County does not warrant the condition of the Volunteer Work locations or any other property associated, directly or indirectly, with the Volunteer Work. I further recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury, including but not limited to repetitive strain injuries, slips and falls, and equipment-related injuries, and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages, or loss which the participant or the participant’s property may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with the Volunteer Work.

Parental Consent Verification

In the event a participant is under the age of eighteen (18) years, a parent or legal guardian shall sign this Waiver and Release on behalf of said participant. The signatory must provide documentation verifying their legal authority to act on behalf of the minor, such as a birth certificate or court order. By signing this Waiver and Release, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges and confirms that they have read and understand the terms of this Waiver and Release and are authorized to sign on behalf of the participant.

Legal Compliance

Nothing herein is intended to waive or otherwise affect any immunities, privileges, defenses, and/or limits of liabilities available to the County pursuant to applicable laws, including but not limited to the Pennsylvania Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8541 et seq., which provides certain immunities to political subdivisions and their employees. This Act may limit the liability of the County in certain circumstances, notwithstanding the terms of this Waiver and Release.

Indemnification

As a participant or as the parent/guardian of a participant in the Volunteer Work, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the County and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that may arise from injuries, including death, damages, and losses to person or property sustained by the participant and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the Volunteer Work, except where such claims arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

Understanding and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge and confirm that I have read and understand the terms of this Waiver and Release and that I agree to abide by the terms of this Waiver and Release. To ensure understanding, participants are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification on any terms they do not understand before signing.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

If signed by parent or guardian:

Name of Minor Child _____

Relationship to Child _____

VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are volunteering to complete your hours as part of court-ordered community service, please see a staff member for additional paperwork.

Name _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ SMS*: _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone

Number: _____

**By providing your mobile number, you agree to allow us to send volunteer-related text messages. Your number will not be shared.*