

OUR MISSION

The American River Parkway Foundation was founded in 1983, as a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a volunteer Board of Directors, an Executive Director and program staff. The Board members represent local businesses and government, recreational user and community interest groups as well as environmentalists.

Each year the Parkway Foundation coordinates the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who contribute thousands of work hours to maintaining and improving the Parkway. Volunteers work to restore habitat, improve public safety, reduce the threat of damaging fires and increase the public's stewardship of the Parkway.

To continue to meet our mission, the American River Parkway Foundation built a Volunteer Center located in William Pond Park on the Parkway. The 1800-square foot Volunteer Center houses the Foundation staff and serves as a conference and training facility for affiliated Parkway user groups and volunteers.

FUNDING

How we spend your \$

The Foundation gratefully accepts contributions from individuals, businesses and government agencies through membership, fund-raisers and the "Adopt the Parkway" trail program. Additionally, our mission is supported through various community, environmental and government grants and partnerships.

Funding sources support Parkway outreach, education, coalition building, volunteer stewardship and restoration programs and activities that:

- **Keep the American River Parkway clean and safe**
- **Help to repair and restore the Parkway trail system**
- **Restore native vegetation and trees**
- **Remove nonnative invasive plant species**
- **Recruit, train and manage volunteer stewards**
- **Promote responsible pet ownership by providing conveniently located pet waste disposal stations along the Parkway**
- **Provide an ongoing means of communication among Parkway organizations, user groups and stakeholders to inform and stimulate proactive action as appropriate and necessary**



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American River Parkway Foundation and VOLUNTEER CENTER



**AMERICAN RIVER
PARKWAY FOUNDATION**

*Preserving the legacy
through community stewardship*

OUR MISSION:

To foster environmental stewardship and to facilitate volunteer opportunities on the American River Parkway that support the preservation, protection, enhancement and appreciation of the Parkway's natural resources.

PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION

The Parkway Foundation collaborates closely with area agencies, organizations, volunteer and user groups and the Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks, Recreation and Open Space to implement programs that protect and preserve the habitat and natural beauty of the Parkway.

ADOPT THE PARKWAY

	ADOPT THE PARKWAY North Bank
Financial Sponsor:	Your Name Here
Volunteer Steward:	Your Name Here

Individuals and businesses may adopt a mile of the Parkway (north or south banks) as either a *Financial Sponsor* or *Volunteer Steward Group*.

Financial Sponsors make a two year commitment of \$1,250 annually to fund the volunteer stewardship program and maintenance of their Parkway mile. Volunteer Steward Groups also make a two year commitment to clean up their Parkway mile four or more times each year.

Stewards and Financial sponsors are recognized on a Parkway sign located at their mile marker along the paved bike trail.



INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (IPMP)

In 1997, a study was initiated to assess the types and numbers of non-native plants that existed



throughout the 4,600-acre American River Parkway. More than 120 species were identified, but only about 20 were determined to pose a threat to the ecological health of the Parkway, due to their ability to spread quickly. As a result of this study, several area agencies including the Parkway Foundation, the Sacramento Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Sacramento County Parks, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency applied for and received funding to implement a comprehensive Invasive Plant Management Project along the Parkway.

Volunteerism is a major component of the IPMP. The Parkway Foundation recruits, trains and manages Volunteer Leaders and Work Crews to conduct monthly work parties. Volunteers are trained on weed identification, hand tool uses, safety and volunteer teamwork and management skills.

PARKWAY CLEAN UP, RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS



Parkway Clean up projects are the catalyst for local community groups to become more aware of and involved in the preservation and restoration of the native ecosystem of the America River Parkway. The Foundation organizes various community days such as the **Great American River Clean up** in September where volunteers gather to clean up the Parkway, river banks and river. Boaters and certified divers clean up the river bottom. Each year approximately 15,000 pounds of garbage are collected and disposed.

Other group volunteer activities may include trail restoration, Parkway maintenance and repair projects, tree planting and habitat restoration.

For a complete listing of our annual calendar of volunteer activities, please go to our website: www.arpf.org



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