



# Super Steward: Trail Maintainer Program

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## Leadership Opportunities

These opportunities are available to Trail Maintainers who are interested in project and event coordination, opportunities to train other volunteers and other organizational tasks within their park. Some opportunities require technical skills associated with different Trail Maintainer tier levels, which can be acquired through the program's advanced trails skills training. All leadership opportunities require training or related experience.

The leadership opportunities outlined below will be facilitated by the Natural Areas Conservancy and NYC Parks and guided by volunteers.

### Train other Trail Maintainers

Enter the role of Trail Maintainer Trainer for your park. The Citywide Trails Team will train Trail Maintainer Trainers on how to teach new skills to prospective Trail Maintainers and how to provide ongoing support to advanced volunteers. Trail Maintainer Trainers must have accomplished a minimum of 12 hours of work at the skill level that they are teaching.

### Lead a trail work event

Lead on the ground trail work events in your park alongside other Trail Maintainers and volunteers. Trail Maintainers must be within the skill level of the work event being led and have co-led at least one trail event with the Trails Community Engagement Coordinator.

### Organize a Trail Event

Organize trail work events and/or educational events for the Trail Maintainer network, other volunteers and the general public. Trail Maintainer Event Organizers receive training from the Citywide Trails Team and are connected with the appropriate NYC Parks staff.

### Become an ambassador

Spread the word about natural area trails in your community, and encourage others to become Trail Maintainers. Ambassadors represent and promote the Super Steward: Trail Maintainer Program and engage in advocacy efforts, such as contacting elected officials to give testimony in support of natural areas. We also ask ambassadors to photograph trail events and trails throughout the seasons to capture the experiences NYC nature trails have to offer.

### Become a borough representative

Organize and be a voice for Trail Maintainers at the boroughwide level. Trail Maintainer Borough Representatives will work with the Citywide Trails Team on boroughwide events and keep Trail Maintainers up to date on news, events and activities. Eligibility to become a Trail Maintainer Borough Representative requires a minimum of 6 months participation in the Trail maintainer program.