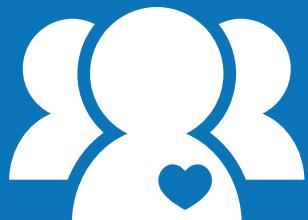


Volunteer Columbia: Fiscal Year 2025 in Review



32,764
hours served



7,000
individual volunteers



\$1,139,873
value of volunteer service



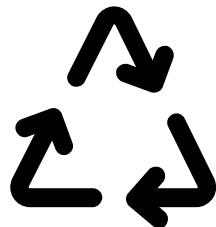
Year in Review

Litter

- 7,824 bags of litter collected
- 423 cleanups conducted on city streets
- 85 cleanups conducted in city parks
- 29 cleanups conducted in streams
- 8,612 hours served picking up litter



"I love being able to see the actual impact of my volunteer work."



Recycling Ambassadors

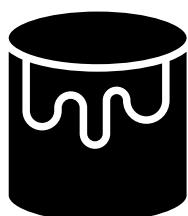
- 37 active volunteers
 - 20 newly trained volunteers in FY25
- 48 education events
 - 1,506 participants
- 2,350 citizens reached through individual or door-to-door outreach

Home Composting

- 265 participants attended workshops
- 16 workshops offered
- 8 volunteer instructors
 - 2 new volunteer instructors trained in FY25



"My volunteer service makes an impact on the environment."



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

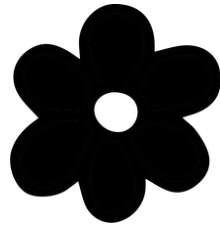
- 111 volunteers
- 506 hours served
- 13 total HHW collections
- 1,900 Columbia Solid Waste customers educated on recycling



Year in Review

Adopt-A-Spot Beautification

- 3,546 hours served
- 105 active Adopt-A-Spot locations
- 96% adoption rate, 110 total locations
- 1 new location added in FY25



"What I like best about volunteering with the City of Columbia is being able to improve our city's appearance, resulting in a cleaner and safer community."



Parks & Recreation

- 15,118 hours served
 - 32% increase from FY24
- 4,014 hours served removing invasive plant species, planting trees, and picking up litter in our parks and on our trails
- 11,063 hours served during Parks and Recreation events

Golf Course Marshal

- 14 active volunteers
- 752 hours served
 - 4X the service of FY24



Park Patrol

- 1,501 hours served
- 35 active volunteers
- 10 new volunteers in FY25

"I enjoy being able to serve on my time, plus the exercise my dogs and I get by being in the City parks, which benefits us and the parks by reporting items of concern, repairs needed, and any other items that need to be reported."



Year in Review

"I feel I can make a difference in our city."

Love Your Block

- 11 mini-grants awarded
- 625 hours served
- 191 volunteers
- 3,500 pounds of trash removed
- 25 trees planted



Celebrating 25 years of Youth in Action!

Youth in Action

- 188 hours served
- 41 participants
 - 2X the total participants from FY24

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 658 hours served

Cultural Affairs

- 106 hours served

Fire

- 54 hours served

"What I like best about volunteering with the City of Columbia is being able to do something for the community in which I live."

"I feel as if I am truly contributing to the local community, that my work matters."

Housing & Neighborhood Services

- 7261 hours served

Public Health & Human Services

- 471 hours served

Sustainability

- 33 hours served

