

ACFC Recruitment FPF Post/Times Ink! article

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Short version

The Andrews Community Forest Committee is seeking a few new members to help guide the future of one of Richmond's most remarkable public resources.

As the Committee completes its update of the Andrews Community Forest Management Plan and looks ahead to implementing it, we are seeking to fill several vacancies and welcome new voices and perspectives.

The Andrews Community Forest supports recreation, wildlife habitat, forestry and agriculture, education, and quiet enjoyment of nature. We are looking for people who care about the long-term stewardship of the forest and who are interested in balancing these many uses while protecting the forest's ecological integrity.

Committee members help shape recreational opportunities and trail improvements, support educational programs and partnerships, participate in habitat restoration and biodiversity initiatives, address invasive species, and guide ecological forestry and agricultural stewardship.

Updating the management plan is only one part of the Committee's work. Service on the Committee offers the opportunity to help ensure that the Andrews Community Forest remains a healthy, resilient, and welcoming resource for future generations.

If you have ever considered becoming more involved with the Andrews Community Forest—or know someone who might be interested—we would be happy to talk with you. Please email the Committee at _____.

Longer version

The Andrews Community Forest Committee is seeking a few new members to help guide the future of one of Richmond's most remarkable public resources.

The Committee is currently completing an update to the Andrews Community Forest Management Plan, drawing on the ACF Conservation Easement, the Richmond Town Plan, ecological assessments, current research, and extensive community input. As this work moves toward completion and implementation, we are seeking to fill several vacancies in our membership and welcome new voices and perspectives.

We are looking for people who care about the long-term stewardship of the forest and the many ways our community values and uses it. The Andrews Community Forest supports recreation, wildlife habitat, forestry and agriculture, education, and quiet

enjoyment of nature. Managing such a special place requires thoughtful people who are interested in balancing these many uses while protecting the forest's ecological integrity.

Although the current planning effort has received broad public attention, the Committee's work extends far beyond the management plan itself. New members will have the opportunity to help:

- Guide implementation of the updated management plan
- Support educational programs and partnerships with schools and community organizations
- Participate in habitat restoration and biodiversity initiatives
- Develop strategies to address invasive species
- Help steward ecological forestry and agricultural partnerships
- Shape trail expansions and improvements, and other recreational opportunities

Updating the management plan is nearly finished, but the work of caring for the forest will continue for many years to come. Committee service offers the chance to help ensure that the Andrews Community Forest remains a healthy, resilient, and welcoming place for future generations.

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