

CONVENOR'S SHEET

The Topic: Involving Citizens and Youth as Volunteers and Advocates

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Brief Summary (main points; important perspectives; interesting ideas):

Main Points

- Need volunteer management BMP
- Clearly defined tasks/position descriptions/supervision
- Start small, build up and invest in volunteers
- Training of staff and volunteers (NPS. Holly Larson example)
- Plan to involve multiple generations
- Recognition (Possibly pay expenses)
- Measure more than hours (Advocacy support)
- Citizen involvement should include advocacy and support as a goal in addition to volunteer hours

Important Perspectives

- Invite kids to “grow up” with your system
- Need to connect decision makers and those being planned for ...30 years out
- Get youth involved in decision making
- Volunteers can be special interests in disguise

Interesting Ideas

- List of volunteer projects

FLIPCHART NOTES

- This park is invested with fun
- Getting kids outside after school
- Get people excited and activated
- How to start a friends group
- Ideas/activities for volunteers
- Attracting younger generations
- Need an issue to get them rolling
- Need maintenance volunteers
- Internal staff support
- Examples
 - Wild River S.P. – Prairie Restoration fundraising
 - Minnesota off-road cyclists
 - Build and maintain off-road bike trails in Bloomington and Three Rivers Park
- Making the line between decision makers and the users that are being planned for

- Is the value in the work being done or in building support for your system
- Get youth involved in more than just maintenance, invite them to the park commission

Invite Kids to “Grow Up” With Your System (Regional Workshop)

- Volunteer Management BMP
- Clearly defined tasks
- Position descriptions
- Start small and build up
- Training staff and volunteers
- Plan for return volunteers
- Plan to involve multiple generations
- **SUP**
- Recognition/Expenses
- Measurement of more **TH**