Bridging the gap
to care for our parks!
Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy

Walk & Learn for Germany Hill Park stewards with local experts

Invasives removal at the Manayunk Canal Trail

Gardening at Fountain Street Steps

Spring cleanup at Turtle Park - Hillside

Tree planting at the Roxborough Reservoir

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026!

Engagement & Steward Manager
Growing outreach and building Friends groups

Part-Time Stewardship Manager
Leading volunteer sessions and restoration work

Mentorship Program
Linking local experts with park stewards

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Cover photo: RMC volunteers after invasive removal along the Manayunk Canal

WELCOME TO THE ROXBOROUGH MANAYUNK CONSERVANCY

Dear Prospective Sponsor,

Public parks are the green anchors of our neighborhoods—places where people gather, connect with nature, and build community. For more than 15 years, the Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy (RMC) has worked to protect and improve these vital spaces. Our parks are the green jewels of a community, uniquely shaped by its topography—dramatic elevations, sweeping vistas, and unmatched access to the Wissahickon and Schuylkill River watersheds

Since its founding, RMC has grown from 5 sites to 14 parks, stewarding over 100 acres across Manayunk and Roxborough.

As our work expands in 2026, your support will enable RMC to:

- Fund a full-time Engagement & Steward Manager and part-time Volunteer Manager
- Grow outreach and volunteer recruitment through digital media
- Expand training and support for site stewards
- Increase volunteer opportunities for the community
- Develop site-specific care plans for each park
- Provide tools, resources, and professional support for complex projects
- Install bulletin boards and wayfinding signage to connect with neighborhoods

RMC has also partnered with the Manayunk Development Corporation to revitalize the two-mile Manayunk Canal Trail and launch a new Friends group for its care.

Join us in providing the consistent stewardship our parks —and community—depend on.

Sincerely,
RMC Executive Committee & Board

Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy

THE RMC NETWORK INCLUDES 14 SITES & OVER 100 ACRES

The RMC, together with its network of Park Friends Groups and volunteers, steward over 100 acres of green spaces, parks, and trails across Manayunk and Roxborough. We rely on your support to sustain this work.

1. Boone Park—2 acres ***New!***
2. Edling Park—1 acre
3. Fairview Park—1 acre
4. Fountain Street Steps—0.7 acres
5. Germany Hill Park—12 acres
6. Gorgas Park—13 acres
7. Kelly Park—2.5 acres ***New!***
8. Lauriston Pocket Park—0.1 acres
9. Manayunk Bridge Park—1.9 acres
10. Manayunk Canal Trail—33.8 acres
11. Neighbors' Woodland—.33 acres ***New!***
12. Turtle Park-Hillside—3.6 acres
13. Roxborough Library—.01 acres
14. Upper Roxborough Reservoir—36 acres

Turtle Park - Hillside

Planting natives perennials at Manayunk Bridge Garden

Gorgas Park mulch fest

5550
VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2025

1500
TREES PLANTED SINCE 2020

14
STEWARDSHIP SITES

Morning crew at Roxborough Library

Lauriston Pocket Park

Boone Park

Fairview Park spring bulbs planting.

Passing pickup cheers on RMC volunteers at Edling Park

RMC'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP TO GROW!

TWO-ON-TUESDAYS AM PM

is the RMC's signature volunteer program, offering **2 two-hour** sessions each Tuesday.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION:

KEY CHALLENGES WE ADDRESS:

- LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING
- NEGLECTED PARKS
- POORLY MAINTAINED TRAILS
- DEFORESTATION
- INVASIVE *(NON-NATIVE)* SPECIES
- DEER OVERBROWSE *(DEER PRESSURE)*
- COMPROMISED ECOLOGIES

ROXBOROUGH–MANAYUNK'S UNIQUE TOPOGRAPHY—ITS HEIGHTS AND SWEEPING VISTAS—MAKE IT A SINGULAR PLACE. WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES LIE TWO MAJOR WATERSHEDS, THE WISSAHICKON AND SCHUYLKILL RIVERS, PROVIDING UNPARALLELED ACCESS TO VIBRANT WATERWAYS.

Private support is essential for the RMC to sustain our public green spaces and expand its network of volunteers and Park Friends groups.

Your sponsorship will:

1. **Ensure our parks, trails, and green spaces truly shine as the green jewels of Roxborough–Manayunk.**
2. **Grow the local economy by increasing the neighborhood's appeal and vibrancy.**
3. **Improve our community's health by ensuring easy access to nature and recreational opportunities.**
4. **Protect our wildlife and watersheds through proactive environmental stewardship.**

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION ISN'T ONE-AND-DONE—IT'S A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN CLEANER, MORE ATTRACTIVE, AND MORE USABLE COMMUNITY SPACES.

YOUR DONATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Turtle Park – Hillside
RMC volunteers sort onsite deadwood to build terraces and define trails, improving public access and preparing the area for ongoing reforestation.

Opposite page: Golden hour at Gorgas Park.
Back cover: The meadow at the Roxborough Reservoir.

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FRIEND $250	• Featured on sponsor website page
PARTNER $500	• Featured on sponsor website page • Highlighted on social media as sponsor
PROTECTOR $1500	• Featured on sponsor website page • Highlighted in RMC newsletter • Sponsor volunteer event (social media)
CHAMPION $5,000	• Featured on the sponsor webpage • Sponsor of volunteer events (social media) • Included in all 2026 newsletters

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