Due to concerns about group gatherings and the spread of Covid-19, in March 2020 the Eno River Association ceased volunteer programs including monthly Stewardship and Corporate Volunteer Programs. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the usage of parks and natural areas (up to 68% in some cases). As a result of both the increase in trail usage and the suspension of stewardship activities, stewardship of these lands is now more necessary than ever. Litter accumulation and trail erosion have increased, and trail conditions reflect these facts in some places.

As a result of further understanding of the spread of Covid, and in an effort to offset the cancellation of large group stewardship and trail workdays, the Association plans to support small group service projects for workplaces, families, and “pandemic pods.” These opportunities are intended to address the ongoing strain on our park resources while providing a means for volunteers to give back to their community in a safe and effective manner.

All programs must be conducted in compliance with prevailing Eno River Association and state and local jurisdictional Covid policies.

Fill out the online request form to get started giving back today:
https://forms.gle/yPYWeJ7xUupKz32c6

**Adopt-a-Trail Program**
for Corporate Partners & Community Groups

Corporate Partners and Community Groups can become **Trail Stewards** for an assigned trail or trail segment within a local natural area. The Eno River Association can supply the group and its individual members training, tools, and suggested projects. Service can be conducted by individuals, teams, or possibly via an organized project facilitated by Association staff – depending on schedules and the anticipated number of participants.

Possible projects may include litter pick-up, trail maintenance, trimming of vegetation, bridge or trail building, tree planting, and more, and may be customizable to the interests and skills of the group and its members. Customizable recognition benefits available with additional cash sponsorship.

Estimated time commitment 2-4 hours per month, scheduled based on your availability. Minimum one-year, renewable commitment is requested.
Trail Stewards Program
for Individuals & Families

The Eno River Association, Eno River State Park, and West Point on the Eno City Park have partnered to invite trail enthusiasts to assist park staff with ongoing trail maintenance. Trail stewards will adopt a trail or trail section within a City Park, State Park, or Natural Area and commit to visiting the trail monthly. Each visit will involve conducting routine trail maintenance, as well as reporting issues of potential concern when necessary. Tools may be borrowed from the parks or the Association with advance notice.

Estimated time commitment 2-4 hours per month, scheduled based on your availability. Minimum one-year, renewable commitment is requested.

Private Small Group Workdays
for individuals, families, department team-building, and small groups

Interested volunteers can organize their family, team, or “pandemic pod” to spend a few hours along the Eno River completing a needed project. Each project can be customized to the group, and Association staff may be onsite to provide training and get the team started, as needed. Typical activities include the removal of invasive plant species, litter clean-up, tree planting, and trail construction or maintenance. Tools can be provided as needed.

2-4 hours per project, weekdays or select weekends available

DIY Stewardship Kits
for individuals, families, and small groups

Pick your time. Pick your place. Pick your group. Pick-up needed supplies, and GO! This do-it-yourself stewardship work will mostly focus on litter pick-up and removal – which seems to have spread with the increased use of our parks and natural areas. Trash bags, pickers, and safety vests will be available for sign-out from our office. We’ll give you an opportunity to record your progress so we can share with our community!

Fill out the request form online: https://forms.gle/yPYWeJ7xUupKz32c6
To learn more about these service opportunities contact Tom Davis, Stewardship Coordinator, at tom@enoriver.org or 919-620-9099 x206.