



Join Our Board of Directors!

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy



Provide Community Leadership for Downtown San Jose’s Civic Greenway!

The **Guadalupe River Park Conservancy** provides community leadership for the development and active use of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens through education, advocacy, and stewardship. We envision an active, iconic, world-class Civic Greenway in Downtown San Jose and enable a vibrant public life built on connecting people to nature and each other.

We are seeking community members passionate about our natural and civic resource to join our Board of Directors. Board members will play a key role in promoting community development through parks!

Board Member Roles:

- Contribute to the Conservancy’s culture and community relationships
- Provide strategic focus, effectiveness, and financial sustainability
- Be a passionate advocate for neighborhood uplift through the Guadalupe River Park and the Conservancy
- Commit monthly board and committee meetings attendance

We welcome applicants of all backgrounds, and are particularly interested in board members with experience or interest in:

- **Human Resources**
- **Legal & Law**
- **Marketing & Fundraising**
- **Housing & Homelessness**
- **Real Estate Development**
- **Politics & Advocacy**

We believe access to parks and nature is central to community health, and acknowledge that voices of **Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, LGBTQ+, underinvested communities, and those living with disabilities** are often underrepresented in key roles. To ensure that voices from within these communities are heard, we encourage people with these identities or who are members of other communities with shared histories to apply.

If you are interested, please complete our interest survey by May 15, 2022 here:

<https://forms.gle/VDxanL4824Xt2HD58>

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Program Strategies & Initiatives

PROGRAM STRATEGIES

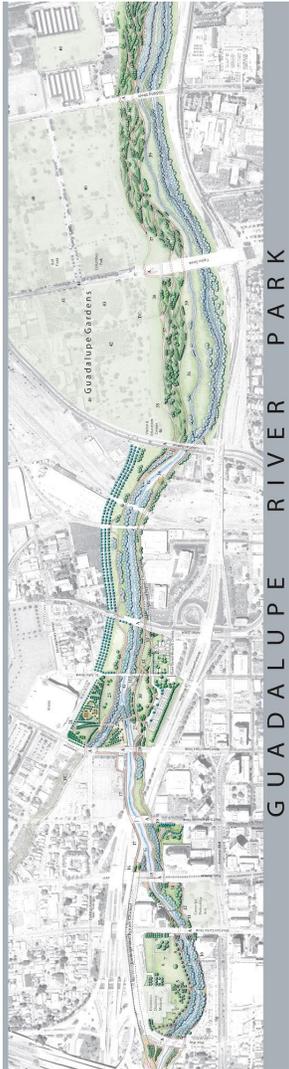
- Inspire long term ecology and parks learning and advocacy in our region's youth through **EDUCATION**, delivering environmental education programs to over 6,000 students annually - with a majority from Title One schools.
- Promote the connection between the community, city, and land through public **STEWARDSHIP**, organizing over 13,000 volunteer hours with over 2,000 unique volunteers annually to care for our River Park.
- Increase awareness and foster civic ownership of the River Park through **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** by planning cherished events such as the Pumpkins in the Park, Window on the River Park, and Watershed Festival.
- Build a coalition of partners who believe in the power of neighborhood development through parks through **ADVOCACY**, convening, and collaboration.
- Create a "sense of place," and address community priorities through **DEVELOPMENT** of the River Park; past projects include the Guadalupe River flood control project, Rotary PlayGarden, Heritage Rose Garden, Historic Orchard, and a number of public artworks and park features.



INITIATIVES

- **Guadalupe River Park Concept Visioning**
Re-envision the future of the River Park through community engagement, public feedback, and placemaking initiatives.
- **River Parks Stewardship & Restoration Program**
Improve the maintenance and ecological health of the River Park through volunteerism, workforce and skill development, and civic engagement.
- **Guadalupe River Art Walk**
Combine the benefits of parks and public art to create the longest art corridor in the Bay Area, connecting existing art pieces with new murals.
- **Environmental Awareness & Education**
Promote ecological awareness and develop future environmental stewards by providing high-quality science education to youth and the general public.
- **Guadalupe River Park Working Group**
Cross-sector group jointly convened with the San Jose Mayor and downtown Councilmember to improve park safety, maintenance, and activation.





Roles, Responsibilities, Commitments

ROLE of Members of a Nonprofit Board of Directors

- Ensure prudent use of all assets, including facility, people, and goodwill
- Ensure that the nonprofit's activities, governance, and transactions are, first and foremost, advancing its mission
- Recognize and disclose conflicts of interest
- Ensure that the nonprofit obeys applicable laws and regulations; including its own bylaws
- Contribute to the organization's culture
- Provide strategic focus, effectiveness, and financial sustainability
- Serve as ambassadors and advocates

RESPONSIBILITIES & TIME COMMITMENTS for GRPC Board Members

As a member of GRPC's Board of Directors, you will:

- Be a passionate advocate for Guadalupe River Park & Gardens and the Conservancy
- Attend bi-monthly board meetings and annual retreat
- Serve on at least 1 committee and regularly attend meetings
- Support the needs of GRPC through fundraising, personal gift, or other ways.
- Actively participate in GRPC's annual fundraiser, *Window on the River Park*
- Serve a minimum one 2-year term
- Complete board engagement plan and board service check-in once per year

Time Commitment:

- Board meetings are held bi-monthly for 1.5 hours: currently 4th Mondays at 11:30am. (5 meetings/year)
- Committee meetings are usually held monthly, dependent upon focus and timing (between 1-1.5 hours, 10-11 meetings/year)
- Annual retreat in late summer (half-to-full day)