

# GROUNDWORK

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Spring 2017

Groundwork Bridgeport is now accepting applications for our Spring 2017 youth programs!

One is a 6-week program that will provide youth with the opportunity to learn about urban forestry and participate in community service projects.

The other will have high school students helping with Groundwork Bridgeport's new initiative to activate and revitalize Washington Park in the East Side of Bridgeport. It is called the Love Your City! Challenge and will provide youth with the opportunity to learn about community organizing and event promotion as they help promote the Love Your City! Challenge and get fellow high-students to submit ideas for activating and revitalizing Washington Park.

#### **Urban Forestry Program**

6-week program

Start Date: Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

End Date: Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Days of the week: Monday – Thursday

Time: 3:45 to 6:15 pm

Location: Groundwork office in downtown Bridgeport and various sites in Bridgeport.

#### **Love Your City! Challenge Details**

Start Date: Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

End Date: TBD

Days of the week: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: Groundwork office in downtown Bridgeport.

#### **About Groundwork**

Groundwork Bridgeport is a non-profit organization serving Bridgeport, CT. We are committed to leading initiatives that aim to beautify and otherwise improve Bridgeport's physical environment. This program promotes action by engaging teens in hands-on projects in area parks, on open space, and in urban gardens. Participants can expect to develop stewardship and community organizing skills.

Visit [www.groundworkbridgeport.org](http://www.groundworkbridgeport.org) for more details about the organization.

**APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017** Applications submitted after January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will be considered on an as needed basis.

Applications must be submitted in one of the following ways:

- By mail: Groundwork Bridgeport, 1001 Main Street, Suite 20, Bridgeport, CT 06604
- Emailed (scanned with signatures) to [programs@groundworkbridgeport.org](mailto:programs@groundworkbridgeport.org)

## GROUNDWORK BRIDGEPORT SERVICE LEARNING APPLICATION

Groundwork Bridgeport is seeking students interested in implementing projects that will improve the local and regional environment. Applicants will be expected to promote action to improve Bridgeport's physical environment by engaging in hands-on projects.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in:**      ☐ Urban Forestry Program      ☐ Love Your City! Challenge

### Background:

What school do you attend?: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade are you in?: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

What classes have you taken?: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite classes?: \_\_\_\_\_

List clubs you participate in and what role you play:

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List any specialized training you have received. (ex: car repair, woodworking):

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### Work Experience:

Have you ever had a job?

Yes                      No

If yes, what did you enjoy most about the job?

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## More about you:

1. How familiar are you with Groundwork Bridgeport?

- ☐ Never heard of Groundwork Bridgeport.
- ☐ Somewhat familiar with Groundwork Bridgeport.
- ☐ Familiar with Groundwork Bridgeport.

2. Why would you like to participate in this program with Groundwork Bridgeport?

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3. What job skills do you hope to gain from Groundwork Bridgeport?

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4. What immediately comes to mind when you think of Bridgeport's physical environment?

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5. How concerned are you about the environment in Bridgeport?

- ☐ Not concerned
- ☐ Somewhat concerned
- ☐ Concerned
- ☐ Very concerned

6. Provide an example of a project related to improving Bridgeport's physical environment that you would like to work on?

- ☐ Plant a vegetable garden
- ☐ Clean up a park
- ☐ Grow flowers
- ☐ Plant a tree
- ☐ Educate neighbors about hazards of lead paint
- ☐ Build bird boxes
- ☐ Establish a hiking trail
- ☐ Other – describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What change would you like to see happen in Bridgeport, CT?

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8. How often do you spend time outside? If given the opportunity are you comfortable with spending most of your time working outdoors?

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10. Do you have experience working within a team? (school club, school sports team, church group) If yes, what were the benefits of working as a team? If no, how would you contribute to Groundwork Bridgeport's Green Team?

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11. What do you aspire to?

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12. How will this opportunity with Groundwork Bridgeport help you achieve your aspirations?

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13. List any anticipated Spring plans in the table below. Please include the activity and date(s).

Example: Spanish club on Tuesdays

Activity	Month	Days

**References:** Please list 1 or 2 references from an adult, *not a relative*, that you have worked with in the past, who can give an honest evaluation of your skills and accomplishments. It could be a teacher, principal, religious leader, coach, mentor, or former employer. Please include their name, relationship to you (ex: science teacher), phone number, and email.

Reference 1

Name:

Relationship:

Phone number:

Email:

Reference 2

Name:

Relationship:

Phone number:

Email:

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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