



Multnomah County Green Team

Leave but a Small Footprint Upon the Earth

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Multnomah County Green Team Charter

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Name: Multnomah County Green Team

Sponsors and Stakeholders

Stakeholders: All Multnomah County Employees

Sponsor: Multnomah County Office of Sustainability

Mission Statement

The mission of the Multnomah County Green Team is to promote sustainable practices, both at work and at home, by fostering deeper employee involvement through entertaining and educating events and hands-on projects.

Structure and Function

The Multnomah County [Green Team](#) (MCGT), made up of County staff, is the volunteer arm of the County's Office of Sustainability. Since 2001, employee volunteers have collaborated with County departments and community organizations to promote a sustainable environment, economy and community. Multnomah County encourages participation in the MCGT, and all County employees are invited to participate.

Membership

The Multnomah County Green Team is open to all Multnomah County Employees and requires supervisor approval. The Green Team application is available on the Green Team website, <http://web.multco.us/sustainability/greenteam>; completed applications should be forwarded to the Office of Sustainability. Members who are inactive or not attending regular meetings for a year or more may be asked to re-apply.

Voting

Voting for officers and on other matters before the Green Team shall be reserved for those members who are present at the meeting for which voting is scheduled.

Meetings

The MCGT meets once a month, usually on the 4th Thursday of the month from 3:00pm – 4:30pm. These are working meetings to: 1) Support ongoing projects/fundraising/organizational administration and promotion; 2) Work on maintaining the Hope Garden (on Multnomah Building roof). In addition, an annual Kick-off Meeting is hosted to celebrate the accomplishments of the MCGT from the previous year and to promote enlistment of new members.

Election of Officers

A Green Team Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually by MCGT members. Voting usually takes place at the February meeting. Additional positions may be determined necessary (i.e. Secretary, Treasurer) and elected by the members.

Project Planning

Project Criteria

- Project promotes sustainable practices through education and/or outreach
- Adequate resources are available to be successful (money, time, labor, promotion)
- Recognition/promotion for Green Team and/or Multnomah County (i.e. a Green Team or Multnomah County led project is usually preferable than helping with someone else's project)
- Is fun for members

Promotion and Accomplishments

- Choose visible and successful projects (key to success!)
- Wednesday Wire stories and calendar
- Green Team website
- Annual Board presentation
- Host kick-off meeting
- Fundraising efforts

Goals and Objectives

- Raise employee and community consciousness about sustainability practices, policies and opportunities in Multnomah County through fun events and projects
- Create opportunities for participation through hands-on projects and educational events
- Work with County Departments and Divisions to promote sustainability practices into how the County does business
- Positively affect personal growth through advocacy among our peers
- Be a leader of sustainable practices by setting a strong example within the County and for the community and local businesses
- Collaborate with the Office of Sustainability and the Sustainability Liaisons to implement County sustainability initiatives

Benefits and Outcomes

- County Operational Cost Savings
- Environmental protection through a reduction in the County's:
 - Carbon footprint
 - Energy use
 - Water consumption
 - Refuse generation
 - Toxic chemical use
 - Pesticide and herbicide application (landscaping)
 - Material use (through reduction, re-use and recycling)
 - Single occupant vehicle trips
 - Overall air pollution
- Well informed County employees and community in regard to sustainable practices, both at work and at home
- Market development and shifts as a result of sustainable purchasing (including local preferences)
- Increased networking between the County and the community during events