Welcome to the City of Sandy Springs Environmental Stewardship Program designed for local residents eager to engage deeply with our many greenspaces and distinctive urban forest. This initiative is possible through a partnership with Eco-Addendum’s Stewardship Trainings, which delivers hands-on educational experiences in Sandy Spring’s urban forest.

Native tree and plant identification, wildlife observation, and native biodiversity restoration are all covered topics in this program. These trainings also highlight the positive impact of urban forests on human well-being and city infrastructure. By participating, you're positioned to become a dedicated Sandy Springs Eco-Steward, equipped to educate, lead volunteers, and collaborate with diverse partners. Our program comprises twelve sessions per year, each hosted in different greenspaces, enabling you to explore a range of nature themes while reinforcing key skills such as species identification and environmental remediation.

All learning activities occur outdoors, fostering a direct connection to nature. Your commitment to attending sessions is the pathway to earning the Sandy Springs Eco-Steward certificate upon completion. This is your chance to nurture your environmental passion, deepen your understanding of local ecosystems, and foster community-wide environmental literacy. Become an Eco-Steward and lead the charge in keeping Sandy Springs beautiful.

Eco-Steward Candidates must be able to lift 25lbs, able to work on hands & knees, work in full sun environments.

Candidate Minimum age of 18.

**Personal Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: [ ] Male [ ] Female [ ] Other [ ] Prefer not to say

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Demographics (Optional)**:

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Language: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of Sandy Springs? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Communication Preferences:**

Please indicate your preferred method of communication for program updates and announcements:

- [ ] Email

- [ ] Phone calls

- [ ] Text messages

- [ ] Mail

**Program Commitment:**

 How did you hear about the Environmental Stewardship Program?

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On a scale of 1 to 10, how committed are you to actively participating in the program? (1 = Not very committed, 10 = Extremely committed)

[ ] 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ] 6 [ ] 7 [ ] 8 [ ] 9 [ ] 10

**Reason for Interest:**

Please briefly explain why you are interested in joining the Environmental Stewardship Program and what you hope to gain from it.

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**Previous Experience:**

Have you been involved in any previous environmental or community service activities? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please provide a brief description of your previous experience.

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**Physical Limitations:**

This Environmental Stewardship Program is for those who are physically capable enough to perform the manual labor necessary to restore impacted sites. Do you have any physical limitations or health conditions that we should be aware of in order to accommodate your participation in the program? If yes, please provide details.

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**Pledge of Commitment:**

By signing below, I acknowledge my interest in participating in the Environmental Stewardship Program organized by the City of Sandy Springs and EcoAddendum. I understand that the purpose of this program is to train community volunteer leaders, and upon completion of this program, I am expected to contribute to the ecosystem stewardship of the City of Sandy Springs. I understand the importance of environmental conservation and commit to actively engage in program activities, contribute positively to the community, and adhere to the program guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Declaration and Consent:

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the collection and use of my personal information for the purpose of program administration and communication.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for applying to the Environmental Stewardship Program! We will review your application and contact you with further details.

Interested folks can contact: sustainability@sandyspringsga.gov or william.park@sandyspringsga.gov