

# **Bikeway Ambassador Volunteer**

## **Locations of Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Blackstone River Bikeway (RI)
- Blackstone River Greenway (MA)

#### Goals:

- Provide hospitality services, maps, and updated information for visitors.
- Give assistance to bicyclists in need of bike repair.
- Provide basic first aid materials or, if certified, first aid assistance.
- Share safe Bikeway usage techniques.
- Report any incidents, vandalism, dumping, or safety concerns.
- Act as support during scheduled rides and other Bikeway activities.

### **Qualifications:**

- Safely and effectively navigate the Bikeway on a regular basis.
- Effectively communicate knowledge to individuals from various age groups, educational levels, and backgrounds.
- Comfortable approaching and interacting with members of the public to share information, answer questions, and resolve potential problems in a pleasant, professional, and helpful manner
- Must be able to resist being drawn into confrontational situations and be able to communicate in a prudent and impartial manner when a member of the public is concerned, upset, or injured.
- Volunteers will have a clear knowledge of the policies and procedures set forth in the Bikeway Information Guide
- The volunteer coordinator will provide uniform items for volunteer tasks. A Bikeway Ambassador volunteer t-shirt or jersey, a nametag, and a correctly fitted helmet are required while volunteering. Black recreational shorts or pants will be supplied by the volunteer and worn with the Bikeway Ambassador shirt.

#### **Time Commitment:**

 You may schedule your rides whenever they work for you. Our goal is to have as many riders out on the Bikeway as possible each week. Experienced volunteers have found that they get out to ride more often when they choose a regular schedule that works for them. - The Bikeway Ambassadors will also sponsor or participate in organized events such as guided and ranger-led rides and outreach programs to inform the public about the Volunteers-In-Parks program. As a Bikeway Ambassador volunteer, your participation is not required but always appreciated.

**Duty Stations:** 

- The normal duty stations for Bikeway Ambassadors will be outdoors along the Blackstone River Bikeway (RI) and Blackstone River Greenway (MA). Volunteers may be exposed to sun, wind, rain, and possible snow or sleet.

## The Volunteers-In-Parks program

- All volunteers are welcome to participate in the entire volunteer program as much or as little as desired. It's all about quality, not the quantity of the volunteer's time.
- Volunteers will be informed of volunteer opportunities through emails, on their personal VIP page, and the BHC newsletter on Skills Workshops, partner activities, Volunteer Appreciation, and so much more!
- We encourage volunteers to make a difference by leading, teaching, and giving their time.

For more information, email volunteer@blackstoneheritagecorridor.org.