

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CLEAN IT UP SPRINGFIELD CAMPAIGN**

I. PURPOSE

Springfield Township maintains in excess of 117 acres of permanently protected open space for active and passive recreation purposes. Recently, the Parks and Recreation Department has noticed a large amount of trash and litter left behind in our parks. Trash is accumulating faster than our facilities can manage. Due to the increase in litter and trash left behind, we are creating a partnership opportunity for private residents, organizations, and businesses to help keep Springfield parks beautiful.

II. OBJECTIVE

Springfield Township Code 53-8 states, “No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the township, except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein.” Despite this, excess litter continues to be a problem in Township parks and facilities. The objective of this campaign is to:

1. Ensure that Township parks, open space, trails and facilities are respected and left clean for all patrons.
2. Educate residents and guests on how to clean up trash and litter.
3. Improve the appearance of the parks by removing trash that detracts from the beauty of the environment.
4. Sustain Springfield Township’s environmental footprint.

III. DEFINITIONS

Parks, open space, trails and facilities – includes all property assets under Township ownership and Parks and Recreation Department control including buildings, structures, open spaces, public parks, natural areas, wetlands, environmental habitat and land.

Litter – includes all improperly managed waste that is intentionally improperly disposed (usually discarded by pedestrians and motorists).

IV. PARTNERSHIP

Springfield Township will partner with the following groups:

- Springfield Township community youth sports organizers

- Springfield Township based community, civic, non-profit or political organization's located in Springfield Township (*IE: Rotary Club, Lions Club, VFW, etc.*)
- County, State, Federal, and Local elected officials representing Springfield Township
- Private Citizen (resident or non-resident)
- For Profit Organization (resident or non-resident)
- Business and Commercial (resident or non-resident)
- Non-profit, political, non-community agency or organization located outside the boundaries of Springfield Township
- Springfield Township School District sponsored sports, activities, programs and events (*IE: Enfield Color Days*)
- Springfield Township Affiliated Organizations (*Flourtown Fire Company, Oreland Volunteer Fire Company, Wyndmoor Hose Company No. 1, and Community Ambulance Association of Ambler*)

V. IMPLEMENTATION

This plan outlines a systematic and consistent strategy to educate residents and guests of Springfield Township how to properly keep parks, open space, trails and facilities clean and provide volunteer opportunities for individuals willing to help.

1. Provide an independent volunteer opportunity for residents who dedicate time to cleaning trash and litter within our parks, facilities, and open spaces
2. Provide an independent volunteer opportunity for community-based civic, non-profit, or political organizations located in Springfield Township
3. Allow local businesses, organizations, or individuals the opportunity to give back to their local parks, open spaces, trails, and facilities.
4. Provide volunteer opportunities for local youth and school organizations such as sports teams and clubs.
5. Implement signage aimed at discouraging littering in our parks and open spaces.
6. Provide social media shout-outs and photo opportunities for residents, organizations, or businesses who volunteer on their own time to clean the parks and facilities.
7. Host clean-up days where residents, businesses, and organizations can sign up to clean one or more of the parks, facilities, or open spaces in the Township.

VI. PROCEDURE

All person(s) or groups interested in volunteering to clean up litter in a township park, open space, trail or facility must follow the following procedure.

1. Identify which parks, open spaces, or facilities they are interested in cleaning.
2. Send a copy of the Clean-Up Volunteer Request Form to the email address listed on the top of the agreement
3. Once permission is granted by a Township representative, fill out the Volunteer Agreement with specific hours and time spent cleaning the park.

4. Bring the form back to the Springfield Township Administration Building after the clean-up day to be signed by a Township representative.

VII. FOCUS AREAS IN SPRINGFIELD

Within Springfield Township, there are specific areas that require additional attention. The following locations have been identified as delinquent areas.

1. Acme Shopping Center
2. Willow Grove Avenue
3. Route 309 overpass

VIII. TOWNSHIP PARKS

Springfield Township has several public parks that are frequented by local residents and non-resident visitors. With several park guests, the Township will implement the procedure in each of the Township Parks.

1. Bysher Park: *50 Bysher Avenue, Flourtown, PA, 19031*
2. James A. Cisco Park: *199 West Montgomery Avenue, Erdenheim, PA, 19038*
3. Henry R. Chiaramonte Children's Park: *312 Oreland Mill Road, Oreland, PA, 19075*
4. James R. Fulginiti Park - *500 Hemlock Road, Flourtown, PA, 19031*
5. Laurel Beech Park – *1313 Mermaid Lane, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038*
6. Marlow Field – *405 Enfield Road, Oreland, PA, 19075*
7. Connor James McKelvie Community Park - *110 Allison Road, Oreland, PA, 19075*
8. Mermaid Park – *800 Mermaid Lane, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038*
9. Sandy Run Park – *1901 Walnut Avenue, Oreland, PA, 19075*
10. Veteran's Park and Monument– *8021 Traymore Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038*
11. Wyndhill Park – *8300 Flourtown Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038*

CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM



Interested in cleaning up one of our parks for volunteer credit? Fill out the top part of the form and email to jcorley@springfieldmontco.org. Once approved, fill out the rest on the day of the clean-up and bring to 1510 Paper Mill Road to be signed by a Township representative.

*Volunteers are responsible for their own supplies. Free limited cleanup kits are Available through [Great American Clean-up](#).

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time Start:** _____

Address: _____ **End Time:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Name of Organization (if applicable): _____ **No. of Volunteers:** _____

Date of Clean-up: _____ **Name of Park:** _____

Volunteer Name (First and Last)	Volunteer Email	Hours Total

Signature of Township Representative: _____ Date: _____