

Pulling Together

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A defining characteristic of the Broadmead neighbourhood is the retained natural areas which are part of the original development plan. Broadmead is home to 17 parks, linear trails, and traffic islands which comprise more than 20% of the total land base (over 60 hectares). One way we can work together to keep this greenspace healthy and beautiful is by volunteering through Saanich's Pulling Together program.

Pulling Together volunteers work on rocky outcrops, wetlands, forests, and wildflower meadows. Together they remove invasive species, plant native vegetation, improve wildlife habitat, monitor progress, and educate others. Lead Steward volunteers are the backbone of the Pulling Together volunteer program. They collaborate with Saanich Parks and coordinate the boots on the ground that put community stewardship into action. Some Lead Stewards work independently while others organize regular volunteer work parties and support enthusiastic youth, faith, corporate, and other organized groups.

Without committed Pulling Together volunteers, natural areas can be vulnerable to invasive species and habitat degradation from overuse. These amazing environmental stewards are helping to build a community of care whose actions protect and restore natural habitats for future generations. Volunteering is a great way to learn, make a difference and have fun! To learn more, see Saanich's Events Calendar to find work parties and Pulling Together groups that are looking for more helpful hands. In the Broadmead Area there are Pulling Together projects in the following parks. Please contact parcs@saanich.ca to learn more.



Boulderwood Park
Chatterton Hill Park
Emily Carr Park
Lohbrunner Park
Rithet's Bog Conservation Area
Shadywood Park

