

Landscape Team Purpose Statement and Essential Functions

Mission: Creating and maintaining welcoming and safe grounds of the UUCS site

Purpose Statement: The Landscape Team works to maintain healthy soil, healthy trees and healthy streambeds in our portions of the Little Pudding Watershed. We are a source of education for the members, guests and those who visit our grounds.

Essential Functions:

- Provide visually attractive grounds as a means of welcoming members, guests, potential renters
- Clear invasive blackberries and other invasive, non-native species as necessary in concert with recommended best sustainable practices
- Maintain painted curbs for safety
- Maintain 3 compost bins
- Host landscape parties to build community through shared labor
- Work with RE Program, CUUPs, Kaleidoscope Preschool providing assistance and education with respect to maintaining UUCS grounds in context of its watershed, the capacity of the grounds, and best sustainability practices
- Test pH levels in soil and makes amendments in concert with best sustainability practice and recommendations as needed
- Trim trees and hedges to ensure safety and visible attractiveness
- Conserve water through extensive use of ground cover, and other recommended best sustainable practice(s) for water use on site
- Interface with the lawnmowing service to ensure UUCS' needs are met
- Sponsor education programs through the Marion County Master Gardeners

Suggested Additional Functions:

- Develop growth maps for all plants planted in the future noting the size in annual increments, as well as how it propagates.
- Collaborate with Marion County Master Gardens, Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, NW Permaculture Institute and others as appropriate to increase education opportunities
- Create a budget for operational expenses of the Landscape Team

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