

Tips for Stewardship Committees

Getting Started

Start small with a steering group

Add members who will work harmoniously and actively

Look for special skills

Personal contact works best in attracting members

Projects

Complete one project at a time and publicize it

Plan the next project in another part of town

Concentrate on “do-able” projects initially, prior to writing detailed management plans

Build volunteer groups carefully

Assign folks to areas they know and love

Build a cohesive group

Meet at regularly schedules times and dates

Fundraising

Grants

Line item in town budget

Events

Consolidating and setting goals

Trail design and mapping

Standards for signage and map boxes, etc.

Build external volunteer core to locate special skills

Committee Structure

Expand committee membership with individuals who have special skills

Create sub-groups

Stewardship activities

Town-wide activities

Inter-town activities