



Architects in the City

Three Reasons to Host an Architects in the City Volunteer Day:

1. First and foremost, you should host a volunteer day to **help the community!** There are many wonderful nonprofits in DC that use volunteers as an essential part of their operations.
2. Hosting a volunteer day is a great **team building** exercise. It's an opportunity to bring together your employees, clients, friends, and family to get to know each other and share an experience.
3. Your firm name will be on the email messages and AIA|DC calendar listing for the volunteer opportunity. This is a positive way to **promote your firm name** in the public sphere.

Steps for Hosting Architects in the City:

1. Contact the Washington Architectural Foundation
2. Select a Nonprofit
3. Spread the word!
4. Volunteer!



1. Contact the Washington Architectural Foundation

We'll help you to look at nonprofits in the city and see what aligns with your interests. We'll also help with selecting a date and time that works for both organizations. We only support a few of these volunteer days each year, so please reach out as early as possible.

2. Select a Nonprofit

In the past, WAF has worked with organizations such as the Capital Area Food Bank, Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and Common Good City Farm. There are many worthy nonprofits in DC to choose from. A complete list of past partnerships is listed on the [Architects in the City page](#) of the WAF website. Volunteering is very popular in DC. Volunteer slots usually fill up three months or more in advance. Choose your nonprofit as early as possible to ensure we can reserve a date.

3. Spread the Word!

Tell your coworkers, clients, friends, and family about the event! Gather as many people as possible – the more the merrier! You will receive a link for everyone to register. WAF will advertise the event to the membership to recruit volunteers and promote your firm's involvement.

4. Volunteer!

Volunteer on the day of the event! While we open registration to anyone, the host firm is a majority of the volunteer force. Don't forget to snap plenty of photos!