



National Park Service  
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Gateway National Recreation Area

# Volunteers Needed

Gateway National Recreation Area is conducting a saltmarsh restoration project. You can help!

## Planting smooth cord grass at Big Egg Marsh

**THE GOAL:** Plant 20,000 plants in 10 days. We need your help!  
10-12 volunteers needed each day.

**WHEN:** September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 12<sup>th</sup> (see schedule below)

**WHERE:** Big Egg Marsh - behind American Ballfield in Broad Channel. Meet at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

### WHAT:

Individuals will be assigned to one of the following tasks:

1. 2-3 people will use a dibble to create holes in the ground for the plants.
2. A second group will place the plants in the hole and pat the soil down with their hands.
3. A third group will carry plants to the marsh site. (loads of 3-5 pounds)

**TASKS INVOLVE BENDING, KNEELING, USE OF HANDS, HEAVY LIFTING, AND CARRYING.**

Be prepared to work in rain or shine and potentially buggy weather. Work environment will be muddy. Wear appropriate clothing. **HIP BOOTS ARE REQUIRED.** (may be provided upon request)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 9/30	Wednesday 10/01	Thursday 10/02	Friday 10/03	Saturday 10/04
		6AM - 10AM	6AM - 10AM	6AM - 11AM	6AM - 12PM	7AM - 1PM
10/05 8:30AM - 2:30 PM	10/06 9AM - 3PM	10/07 10AM - 4PM	10/08 11AM - 5PM	10/09 11:30AM - 5:30PM	10/10 12PM - dusk	10/11 1PM - dusk
10/12 1:30PM- dusk						

To volunteer, contact Kathy at 718 -338-3501

You will need the following information to sign up:

- \* # in your party
- \* date & time you plan to volunteer
- \* # of individuals who need hip boots
- \* their boot size