## Keeping The Last Green Valley Clean, Green and Invasive Free!

Show your love for The Last Green Valley by organizing an Earth Month or River Cleanup, Pollinator Planting or Invasive Eradication Event. Gather your family, friends, neighbors, gardeners, nature

lovers and co-workers, and make a difference in your community. Along with cleanup events, groups may also host events to "green up" TLGV by enhancing pollinator habitat with native plantings or eliminating invasive species on public lands.

\* The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) will reimburse your non-profit organization or municipal, regional, state or federal agency working in the National Heritage Corridor up to \$500 for expenses like publicity, cleanup supplies such as trash bags, work gloves, small gardening tools, native seeds and plantings, and food for your volunteers. Projects outside the National Heritage Corridor, but within Thames River watershed towns, will be reimbursed up to \$250.

\* TLGV will also help **publicize** your event and work with you to **recruit** more volunteers.

**To apply**, submit a letter to TLGV, on your organization's letterhead, at least four weeks before the proposed event.

- ✓ Include basic details about your project what, when, where, and who plus your contact information, including a phone number, street address, and email address.
- ✓ Tell us what you hope to accomplish.
- ✓ Submit a budget detailing how you will use TLGV funds.
- Let us know who will be picking up and disposing of the trash (we will only pay for trash disposal in limited, unique circumstances).
- ✓ Explain how you will involve youth the future stewards of The Last Green Valley.
- ✓ Describe how you will publicize not just the event, but the results.
- $\checkmark$  For non-profit organizations, submit a copy of your 501(c) letter from the IRS.

TLGV reserves the right to approve or deny funds based upon the likelihood of project success and the availability of funds. We will contact you within one week of your submission. If TLGV approves funding, you will need to sign a short agreement and you must promise to acknowledge TLGV's funding in your publicity materials. You must complete and return the TLGV "Trash Tracker" forms for cleanups and provide a complete Volunteer List after the event to receive your funds. For more information, contact LyAnn Graff at 860-774-3300 or Lyann@tlgv.org.

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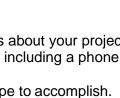












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