

Pitch in for your park



Get Involved In the Moore Square
Adopt-a-Park Program

The Moore Square Adopt-a-Park Program encourages local businesses and residents to participate in cleanup and beautification efforts. This historic park was originally maintained by members of the community, giving everyone a sense of ownership and pride in keeping this area beautiful. Continuing in this tradition, you can get involved by volunteering time or even financial support. These invaluable contributions will greatly improve the appearance of Moore Square Park and ensure that it continues to be a vibrant public space for generations to come.

About Moore Square

Moore Square and three other parks began as a vision of William Christmas in 1792 to develop downtown Raleigh. The plan called for four four-acre parks to be arranged symmetrically around the Capitol Plaza. Moore Square was named after Alfred E. Moore, a North Carolina judge who served as an associate justice on the Supreme Court.

For more than 200 years, Moore Square has been a public space for the residents of Raleigh and surrounding areas to enjoy. Because of the open space, the Square has been re-created and used many different ways throughout the centuries. There are currently big plans in place to redevelop Moore Square that honors the Square's historic heritage while establishing a forward-looking vision for a 21st century urban space.

Why Get Involved?

Your help is critical in keeping downtown Raleigh a great place to live, work and play. Due to reduced resources at the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department from recent budget cuts, your help is needed more than ever to help with upkeep and maintenance of Moore Square. While redevelopment plans are being finalized for Moore Square, it is important to properly take care of this special space. Raleigh has a rich history of citizen engagement in planning and preserving green spaces, creating vibrant community parks, and now is the perfect time to pitch in and take care of Moore Square.

1792

The Square was named in honor of Alfred E. Moore (B: May 21, 1755 D: October 15, 1810), N.C. State Attorney General and U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. Moore also served as a Captain in the Continental Army (Capt., 1st North Carolina Regiment, 1775-77).



1868-1870

The Square is used as a temporary farmers market, complete with removable stall structures, after the existing market located elsewhere is destroyed by fire.

1910

The Square becomes the city's most popular park due to new commercial growth on nearby Hargett and Wilmington streets. Perimeter oaks are planted.



Moore Square Master Plan

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1920s

An explosion in black-owned businesses on Hargett St., along with the City Market, results in strong use of the park for social events.

1930s

Black Main Street reaches its peak, bringing social and economic growth to the Square, despite the Depression.



1960s

The Square becomes the city's most popular park due to new commercial growth on nearby Hargett and Wilmington streets.

1970s

As decline bottoms out, the Square finds itself home to occasional festivals in an attempt to renew interest in downtown.



How To Get Involved

Invest Time

From Saturday morning cleanups to more in-depth cleanup and maintenance days, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and make a noticeable impact. Volunteers are asked to commit to four times a year, but special arrangements can also be made. You will work with the City of Raleigh Volunteer Services Director to craft a plan specific to the needs of the park and your organization's ability to commit. The City of Raleigh will provide all necessary tools, equipment, etc.

The following are some of the volunteer projects available:

- *Litter and debris removal*
- *Mulching*
- *Landscape maintenance*
- *Planting*

Donate Money

From small, one-time gifts to a sustainable yearly gift, your tax deductible donation to the City of Raleigh will help keep the park a great place to gather by supporting the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Moore Square.

Visit www.godowntownraleigh.com/go/moore-square for more information on the Moore Square Adopt-A-Park program.

To get started today, contact Cindy Trumbower, City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Volunteer Services Director, at cindy.trumbower@raleighnc.gov.

1980s

The Square attracts artists and their wares as the old City Market becomes home to Raleigh's art colony.



1990s

Moore Square became a location for celebrations and events that helped bring the community together. From music and art festivals to welcoming in the New Year, the Square has become a place where the citizens of Raleigh gather to experience the culture and history of their city.

Future

Major renovation of Moore Square on the horizon with the Moore Square Master Plan.







About Downtown Raleigh Alliance

The Alliance serves as an independent contractor for the City of Raleigh to supplement city services in the downtown district. The Alliance is the official non-profit organization designated to manage and promote downtown as a regional center of commerce, tourism, and livability. Through its dedicated Board of Directors and professional staff, the Alliance team provides a comprehensive array of programs designed to build on the strengths of the downtown business district. The programs are categorized into five main areas: Clean & Safe Ambassadors, Marketing & Events, Economic Development, City Plaza Management, and Advocacy. The Alliance was created in 1996 by a coalition of community advocates, corporate leaders, and government officials.

www.godowntownraleigh.com

About City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Volunteer Program

The City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department is proud to offer a wide array of parks and facilities. The Parks & Recreation Volunteer Program enlists individuals and groups to assist with park plantings, trail maintenance, special events, youth athletics, recreation classes, English as a second language (ESL) and the Adopt-a-Park program. Through the efforts of both city staff and volunteers, the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department can continue its fine tradition of providing quality leisure services to citizens of all ages.

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