

**VOLUNTEER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS FOR
THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL
TREES & TRAILS FOUNDATION
INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

OPERATION OF POWER & HAND TOOLS

Thank you for volunteering to assist with the Trees & Trails Foundation maintenance and invasive plants removal program for the Village of Indian Hill Green Areas and bridle trails.

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in volunteering you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, including death, you might sustain, arising out of this participation.

As a volunteer in this program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury inherent in the operation of Power Tools including, but not limited to chain saws and power hedge trimmers and Hand Tools including but not limited to pickaxe and loppers. I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages or loss of personal property which I may sustain, and I agree to assume the full risk for injuries I cause others as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this program. If using a chainsaw or other power tools, I further agree to use proper personal protective equipment and safe operating procedures, including the following:

- Clear away dirt, debris, small tree limbs and rocks from a tool's path. Look for nails, spikes or other metal before cutting.
- Watch for branches under tension that may spring out when cut.
- Shut off chainsaw or engage saw's chain brake if carrying a saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- Keep hands on a chainsaw's handles, and maintain secure footing whenever operating a chainsaw.
- Be careful that a tree trunk or tree limbs will not bind against a chainsaw in use.
- When using a chainsaw, be cautious of chainsaw kick-back, and chainsaw must be equipped with a protective device that minimizes chainsaw kickback. To avoid kick-back, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep tip guard in place.
- Do not refuel power tools when in use.
- Proper personal protective equipment will be worn when operating power equipment, which includes hand, foot, leg, eye, face, hearing and head protection.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.
- Identify at least two paths of escape in the event of an accident.

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Release and Waiver. I do hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Village of Indian Hill, the Trees & Trails Foundation & the Indian Hill Historical Society of Cincinnati, Ohio, their officials, employees, members and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, demands, and losses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which I or my heirs, assigns, next of kin or legal representatives may have or which may hereinafter accrue with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage which arise or may hereafter arise from or is in any way related to my participation in this program, whether caused wholly or in part by the simple negligence, fault or other misconduct, other than intentional or grossly negligent conduct, of the Village of Indian Hill, the Trees & Trails Foundation and the Indian Hill Historical Society or of other volunteers.

I have read and understand the above Waiver and Release of All Claims.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: Cell: _____ Landline: _____

I have the following tools, skills, and certifications that will help with project work:

In Case of Emergency, Who should be contacted

Printed Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: Cell: _____ Landline: _____

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older: ___ Yes ___ No

A parent or guardian must sign on behalf of above volunteer if volunteer is under 18 years of age, and have read and understand the above Waiver and Release of All Claims.

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Initial _____