

# Echo Park Adopt a Stairway Program

Echo Park is home to 47 historic public stairways. The stairways, or stair streets, were originally built by developers to connect residents between the steep hillsides and the trolley lines on the lower streets. Some houses were even built on these stair streets and are not accessible by cars. Now the stairway network is enjoyed by neighbors and stairway walking groups.

## Program Vision

To promote a stair culture and preserve, protect, and enhance stairways, one of our community treasures.

- Build community by connecting with your neighbors
- Advocate for the stairways
- Coordinate clean-ups, beautification, and landscaping projects
- Encourage public health
- Develop awareness of history

Scroll down for our current list of adopted and available stairways.

## Program Guidelines

1. How to start:
  - a. Email the Echo Park Green Committee at [stairways.epnc@gmail.com](mailto:stairways.epnc@gmail.com) and state your interest in adopting a stairway.
  - b. Attend a Green Committee meeting to discuss your interest and vision.
  - c. The Green Committee will review your proposal and vote at the meeting.
2. Requirements:
  - a. Provide EPNC Green Committee with contact info for you or your group. We encourage you to try and find at least one other person to adopt with who can share the workload, but individuals can adopt.
  - b. Your group name will be listed on stairway list on EPNC website.
  - c. Group does basic maintenance (listed below) on the adopted stairway.
  - d. Stairway adoption lasts for a year.

3. Maintenance:
  - a. Pick up litter.
  - b. Sweep stairs.
  - c. Remove weeds and rake leaves.
  - d. Water landscaped areas.
  - e. [Report graffiti or damage to the City.](#)
  - f. [Report any street hazards to the City.](#)

NOTE:

Water pollution is prohibited. No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise deposit, cause or permit any material to be placed into the waters of any tributary waterway. In addition, no spraying of any pesticides on any City right-of-way area will be permitted. Gas leaf blowers are prohibited. Rat poisons are prohibited.

As a reminder, the steps are the property of the City and are City right-of-ways. If the City's basic rules are not adhered to, the EPNC reserves the right to review the adopter's maintenance of the steps. Adoptions are reviewed and renewed (if wanted) on an annual basis by the Green Committee.

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