

# Rubicon Landscape Celebrates Progress of Second Cohort in Beautify Richmond Program

*Rubicon Landscape Beautify Richmond Program reports significant progress in its second cohort, enhancing environmental stewardship through hands-on training.*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Rubicon Landscape Group, in partnership with [Rubicon Programs](#) and the [City of Richmond](#), is pleased to announce the significant progress of its second cohort participating in the [Beautify Richmond](#) Program. Under the guidance of Operations Manager Juan Hernandez, the cohorts embarked on an educational tour, enhancing their understanding of environmental stewardship and native plant species.

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The tour took the cohorts to Yerba Buena Island, where they engaged with environmentalists and botanists to learn about the island’s native flora and ongoing efforts to combat invasive plant species. Led by Michael Gillett, Director of Operations, and Veronica Switzer, Training Coordinator, the visit provided invaluable hands-on experience, fostering a deeper appreciation for environmental conservation and the significance of native plant restoration.

During the excursion, the cohorts explored the rich history of Yerba Buena Island, distinguishing its natural origins from the man-made landscape of Treasure Island. Over lunch, members of the crew and cohorts had the opportunity to connect, fostering a sense of camaraderie and enabling fruitful discussions about their work and the mission of Rubicon Landscape.

During a recent session at the Civic Center in Richmond, the cohorts engaged in practical landscaping exercises facilitated by Mike Gillett, Director of Operations at Rubicon Landscape.



Gillett's approach involved teaching specific landscaping techniques and then guiding the cohorts as they applied these skills in real-time scenarios. This immersive learning experience has proven to be highly effective, enabling participants to grasp concepts swiftly and build confidence in their abilities.

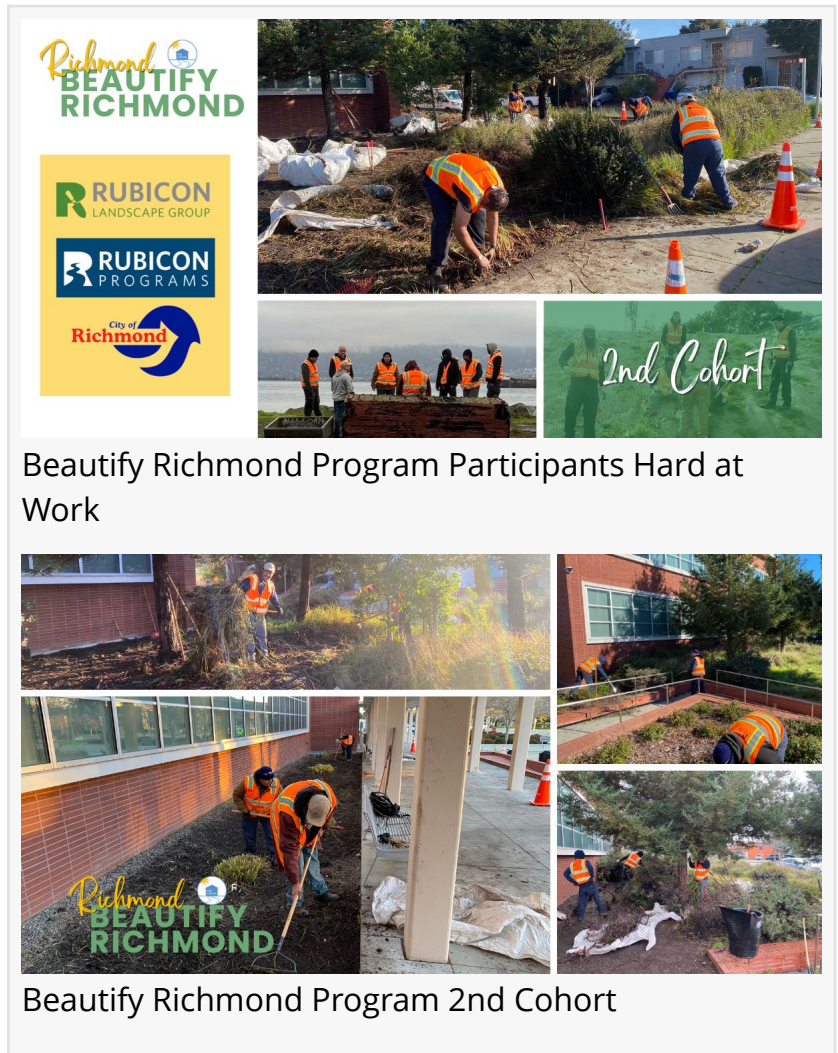
The cohorts, working at the Civic Center two days a week, have enthusiastically embraced their responsibilities, demonstrating a strong work ethic and eagerness to learn. Led by Gillett, they work diligently in sections, ensuring continuity and efficiency in their landscaping endeavors. As each day concludes, the cohorts seamlessly transition to the next phase of their work, building upon the progress made and maintaining momentum throughout the program.

"We are immensely proud of the dedication and enthusiasm exhibited by the second cohort of the Beautify Richmond Program," remarked Juan Hernandez, Operations Manager at Rubicon Landscape Group. "Their willingness to learn and contribute to the beautification efforts at the Civic Center is truly inspiring."

Furthermore, Rubicon Landscape is proud to announce that Vernon Britten, a graduate of the program's inaugural cohort, has secured a position at the Richmond Civic Center, demonstrating the tangible outcomes and opportunities afforded by the Beautify Richmond Program. Britten's dedication to the program exemplifies its transformative impact, embodying the ethos of giving back and supporting others on their journey towards personal and professional growth.

As the second cohort progresses in their journey, Rubicon Landscape reaffirms its commitment to empowering justice-impacted individuals and fostering positive change within the community. With ongoing support from partners like Rubicon Programs and the City of Richmond, the Beautify Richmond Program continues to make strides in providing pathways to sustainable employment and meaningful engagement in environmental conservation efforts.

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Beautify Richmond Program 2nd Cohort

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#### About the Beautify Richmond Program:

The Beautify Richmond Program, a collaborative effort between Rubicon Landscape Group, Rubicon Programs, the City of Richmond, and the Reentry Success Center, is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering justice-impacted individuals in Richmond, California. Central to the program is Rubicon Landscape Group's provision of comprehensive job training in commercial landscape maintenance. Leveraging its expertise and resources, Rubicon Landscape Group offers hands-on training, mentorship, and guidance to equip participants with the necessary skills for a fresh start in life after incarceration. Additionally, the Reentry Success Center plays a pivotal role by providing essential support services such as housing assistance, treatment programs, transportation aid, clothing provisions, and nutritional support to address various personal and professional needs of program participants. Through a structured curriculum, practical experience, and holistic support from Rubicon Landscape Group and the Reentry Success Center, participants embark on a journey of personal and professional growth, gaining valuable skills and resources for successful reintegration into society. The Beautify Richmond Program exemplifies a collaborative effort dedicated to fostering positive change within the community, with a focus on empowering individuals through skill development, support services, and community engagement opportunities.

#### About Rubicon Landscape Group:

Rubicon Landscape Group is a subsidiary of Rubicon Programs, a Bay Area non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals and families through comprehensive support services and vocational training. With a focus on sustainable landscape management, Rubicon Landscape Group partners with municipalities, HOAs, and commercial properties to deliver high-quality landscaping services while promoting environmental stewardship and community well-being.

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