

Resolution: 2024-001

**Introduced by: Councilor Jesse Gordon
February 26, 2024**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE
RANDOLPH SUMMER YOUTH CLEANUP CORPS**

WHEREAS litter in our parks and public places makes Randolph residents reluctant to use and enjoy those parks and public places for recreational and mental health benefit; and

WHEREAS litter attracts rodents that carry disease, and allergens that trigger asthma, so removing litter has direct public health benefits; and

WHEREAS clean parks and public places impart a subconscious feeling of safety and orderliness, and encourage public participation in maintaining the cleanliness of our parks and public spaces; and

WHEREAS Randolph youth participating in summertime litter cleanup a hands-on learning opportunity for community youth to be civically engaged in environmental stewardship and gives our youth a stake in their own community and develops their sense of community pride;

THEREFORE, the Randolph Town Council hereby expresses their support of a “Randolph Summer Youth Cleanup Corps” (RSYCC), with the following characteristics:

- RSYCC crews of 10 youngsters and one adult supervisor will clean public places, parks, playgrounds, and vacant lots during the summer period when school is not in session, on weekdays, plus Saturdays starting with the Randolph annual town-wide clean-up day in spring;

- RSYCC will be funded through the Randolph Department of Public Works (DPW) for equipment and salaries, in collaboration with the Randolph Public Schools for providing adult supervisors and crew meals.

- RSYCC will include training and education about the public health and environmental hazards of litter, to understand the impact of litter on the environment, wildlife, and quality of life.

- RSYCC work sites will be determined by the DPW based on need for each park and public place, adding input from the public via requests from the Town’s See/Click/Fix program.

- RSYCC workers will be paid minimum wage with hours tracked through DPW and reported by each crew’s adult supervisor, and in addition to hourly wage, RSYCC workers will be provided breakfast and lunch on working days.