



Parks & Recreation
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What is Adopt-A-Park?

This volunteer program provides the opportunity to assist in keeping our parks and trails as beautiful and safe as possible. The Adopt-A-Park program is a good way for your organization, business, or group to become actively involved with the community and show your civic pride!

Why Become Involved?

With the delicate natural resources located within the City of Hastings, it is imperative that trash and debris be picked up as soon as possible to avoid polluting the rivers. In addition, trash and debris detract from the natural aesthetics of our community and especially our parks!

As an Adopt-A-Park volunteer, you may participate in other beautification projects at your adopted park that are approved by the Parks & Recreation Department. Projects may include planting flowers or removing graffiti. Please contact Parks & Recreation if you have an idea for a special project.

We Will Provide:

- Free trash bags and pickup of full bags.
- Identification on the City's website as a volunteer member of this program.
- A personalized sign identifying the group's efforts at their adopted location.

Program Guidelines:

- Parks and trails are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Adopt-A-Park group agrees to a **minimum two-year commitment**.
- You commit to cleaning up your adopted park or trail segment **three times during the year** - preferably spring, summer, and fall.
- Services include: picking up litter, sweeping court surfaces, sweeping trails and sidewalks, weeding flower beds, etc.
- Groups are asked to report any vandalism, graffiti, unsafe conditions, or buildings/structures in need of repair.
- **Please leave full garbage bags next to the garbage cans in the park.**
- **Groups are responsible for informing the Parks & Recreation Department when they have completed a clean-up** so that the garbage bags can be picked up. Please contact Cory at 480-6178 or clikes@hastingsmn.gov to report a park clean-up.



Safety Guidelines:

- Children under the age of 16 should work with an adult.
- Wear light or bright colored clothing, hard soled shoes, and sturdy work gloves.
- Use sunscreen or wear a hat.
- Bring a water bottle and stay hydrated.
- Do not carry anything beyond your ability.
- Work only during park hours.

Task Guidelines:

- Do not pick up materials you suspect might be hazardous, such as needles, bloody objects, or drug paraphernalia. Please contact Parks & Recreation if you find something hazardous.
- Recycle whenever possible. Special recycling bags can be picked up at the Parks & Recreation office for this purpose.
- Do not use power equipment.
- Do not spray or use chemicals.
- Do not block pathways and trails.



When you are ready to clean up your adopted park or trail segment, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 480-6175.

We can provide you with garbage bags and answer any questions you may have.

Please remember to report your completed park clean-ups to the Parks & Recreation Department!

Thank you for your cooperation!

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Group Name

Group Contact Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Group Name for Adopt-A-Park Sign

Preferred Adoption Site (1st Choice)

Preferred Adoption Site (2nd Choice)

Estimated # of Participants

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

The City of Hastings reserves the right to refuse, cancel or revise this agreement if in its sole judgment the nature of the adopting group is political, controversial or in questionable taste or if the group is not meeting the terms of this agreement. By signing this agreement, the group acknowledges the nature of the work and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions herewith to the satisfaction of the City of Hastings and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Except for negligent acts of the City of Hastings, its Agents and employees, the Volunteers or their agents shall assume all liability for, and hold the City of Hastings, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of the work to be done herein. Any and all volunteers of the group or other persons engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the City of Hastings, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Workers' Compensation Act of Minnesota and on behalf of said employees or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's volunteers or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the City of Hastings.

Signature of Group Representative

Date



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