

Adopt-A-Park Program Guidelines

Program Summary-*What is Adopt-A-Park?*

The Adopt-A-Park program is a volunteer effort that encourages groups of citizens to participate in the clean-up and maintenance of Minnetrista's park system. Litter is unsightly and destroys the natural feel of the parks.

It is a great service project for citizen or youth groups, homeowner's associations, or philanthropic organizations to participate in a community-based service project. It is an excellent way to get involved at the neighborhood level in your community. We welcome and encourage all groups to consider Minnetrista's Adopt-A-Park program!

Eligible Activities-*What can we do?*

The following activities are eligible in the Adopt-A-Park program:

- *Pick up litter and refuse clean up*
- *Facility checks and reports-communicate with public works*
- *Pick up branches and sticks*
- *Weed flower beds and shrub areas*
- *Planting flowers and trees, landscaping (subject to prior approval by city staff)*
- *Rake play area woodchips and other materials back into play areas*

The following parks (and city signs) are eligible for adoption:

Parks

Lisle Park

Kings Point Fishing Pier Park

Lincoln Ave Boat Launch

Woods of Saga Hill

Merriman Cemetary

South Cusoke Park

Gene Lehner Park

Jennings Park

Slow Creek Park

Adler Nature View Park

Merz Marsh Park

Tuxedo Ave Boat Launch

Perennial Park

North Cusoke Park

Linden Park

Douglas Park

Friendship Park

City Entrance Signs

North Side of Town:

CR 15 eastbound

CR 92 southbound

CR 26 eastbound

Game Farm Road southbound

Ingerson Road southbound

CR 110 southbound

CR 19 westbound

North Arm Drive westbound

CR 19 northbound

Game Farm Road westbound

CR 15 westbound

South Side of Town:

West Hill Road eastbound

State Highway 7 eastbound

CR 92 northbound

CR 92 northbound (out of St. Boni)

CR 11 northbound

CR 44 northbound

State Highway 7 westbound

CR 44 southbound (out of Mound)

Tuxedo Blvd southbound

Enchanted Lane westbound

CR 110 westbound (out of Mound)

Sponsor Responsibilities-*What's the commitment?*

Groups who decide to adopt a park will be responsible to participate in the annual clean-up day that coincides with Recycle Day in mid-May. Additionally, groups will commit to three more clean-up efforts throughout the summer or fall months, for a total of four park visits. Adopt-A-Park volunteers will commit to a minimum of one year of service, but the city encourages groups to dedicate three years. Finally, it will be the responsibility of the volunteer group to call the city to schedule the clean up dates and also when refuse is ready to be picked up at a site.

City Responsibilities-*How will the City help?*

The City will support ongoing volunteer efforts by picking up garbage and debris following a clean-up day. Furthermore, volunteers will be recognized on our city's website and by receipt of a certificate of appreciation (and other volunteer recognition events). The City will coordinate and track clean-up efforts by maintaining a list of adopted parks, organizations and contacts, and number of visits to the site.

Program Enrollment-*How do I get involved?*

Enrollment in the Adopt-A-Park program will require the completion of the Adopt-A-Park Program Application, as well as the signing of an agreement in which the organization accepts liability while on the park site. Materials for application can be found at www.ci.minnetrista.mn.us under the Parks tab, or by calling the Planning Department at (952) 446-1660.