

What does it mean to Adopt a Park?

By Adopting a Lancaster City Park, your group, organization, school or church agrees to visit that Park no less than four days a year to help keep it clean, and to make note of any condition of the Park facility that requires attention by Park Maintenance staff.

By adopting a Park and helping to keep it clean, you will be extending your tax dollars by allowing Park Employees to focus on major renovations, repairs, and maintenance work.

You will also be able to take pride in the fact that you will be helping to make Lancaster one of the most beautiful, pleasant cities to live in.



Lancaster's Adopt-A-Park Program



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Lancaster's Adopt–Park–Program... "People like you make a difference."

Who qualifies to Adopt a Park?

Local service clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, schools, businesses, families and friends are all welcome and encouraged to adopt a Park.

Youth organizations are required to have at least one adult supervisor while working at their adopted Park.

What tasks are we volunteering to do by adopting a Park?

Tasks for adoptive groups may vary slightly depending on the Park facility but may include such items as:

- ?? Picking up litter
- ?? Sweeping courts and pathways
- ?? Brush collection
- ?? Painting / graffiti removal
- ?? Clean and rake playground areas
- ?? Plantings (with prior approval)
- ?? Report vandalism, unsafe conditions, and unlawful activity

Adoptive groups are not expected to mow grass, trim vegetation, clean restrooms or perform major repairs or maintenance.

Who will supply the cleaning materials?

Adoptive organizations are asked to furnish all the supplies they are capable of, your Parks Department will furnish the remainder.

Suggested items include:

- ?? Trash bags and gloves
- ?? Brooms and dust pans
- ?? Rakes
- ?? Painting materials and masks

May we choose which Park we adopt?

Yes! Groups are encouraged to select a Park near members' homes, schools, businesses or meeting places. Larger Parks, such as Rising, Alley, Keller–Kirn and the Bike Trail, will benefit by being adopted by more than one organization. Requests for a specific Park will be granted whenever possible, but cannot be guaranteed.

A complete list of Lancaster Parks is available online at:

- ?? www.lancasterparks.com

What do we get out of it?

In addition to clean, safe Parks and a sense of pride in serving the community, groups adopting a Park will receive volunteer shirts, recognition on your Parks Department web site, and a adoption sign posted at your adopted area.

Is there anything else we should know?

Adopting a Park isn't just about work; it's about fun! Your group's time at your adopted Park could include a picnic, outdoor games or a fishing outing (in some Parks). Different groups seek different outcomes, but whether it's team building, teaching youngsters about community service or the desire and ability to contribute to your community's welfare, one thing for sure, you'll be building memories and making a difference.

How do we get started?

Contact Mitch Overton through the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department, at (740) 687-6651

Adopt a Lancaster Park Today!

