

Adopt-A-Park Application

Organization _____

(as it is to appear on your sign)

Contact Person _____

(at least 18 yrs. old)

Title or Position _____

Phone (Day) _____

(Evening) _____

Mailing Address _____

Estimated Number of Participants _____

Preferred Adoption Site *(Park Name)*

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

Tentative Starting Date _____

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Marketing Coordinator
Bresnan Meeting Center
706 Kenwood Road
Champaign, IL 61821-4112

Champaign Park District's

Adopt-A-Park Program



www.champaignparkdistrict.com



Help us improve and enhance Champaign parks through community involvement and citizen partnerships. Neighborhood organizations, civic and church groups, scout troops, businesses, schools, families and individuals can take an active role in beautification of our community and help support Champaign's park system.

Adopt-A-Park Program

The Champaign Park District's Adopt-A-Park Program is designed to encourage the community to get involved with your parks – make them your own! Work to help keep your parks clean, safe, and fun by planning neighborhood events, picking-up debris and suggesting landscape and playground ideas. This program offers the opportunity for people to get more involved in their community in a way that promotes civic pride, appreciation and awareness. For more information, contact the Marketing Coordinator at (217) 819-3843.

Benefits

- It is a great way for your group to spend quality time together, knowing you are improving a favorite community park.
- Your organization's name will be acknowledged on a sign in the designated park or area of the park as well as in Champaign Park District's Funformation program guide.

- Your involvement will not only better the parks of Champaign, but the Park District as a whole.
- Adopting a park gives groups a chance to have a hands-on role in keeping their park clean and beautiful.

Participation

The Adopt-A-Park Program is open to individuals, youth groups, neighborhood associations, civic groups, religious organizations, service organizations, schools (school groups and teams), businesses and other community organizations throughout the City of Champaign.

Involvement

When a group adopts a park from the Champaign Park District, the organization's members pick up litter, report vandalism, make recommendations to improve the park's equipment/tree planting/general maintenance, plan neighborhood events, and keep an eye on the park. They do not edge, cut, prune, or pull any landscaping or trees. We ask the Adopted Park's contact person to inform and enforce the Adopt-A-Park policies and procedures within their groups.

Time Commitment

Groups will receive a sign of recognition once 30 volunteer hours have been recorded. Each group is also encouraged to set up monthly work dates through the year. It is each Adopted Park's contact person's responsibility to organize monthly cleanups and keep track of the group's total volunteer hours and supplies, which are issued for each Adopted Park.

Guidelines

- Parks will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, to be determined by the Marketing Coordinator.
- Each group will receive several waiver forms that must be completed on **every occasion** they are in the parks in order to keep track of volunteers and their hours worked. Waiver forms must be returned to the Marketing Coordinator at the Bresnan Meeting Center.
- Work is to be completed during park hours only (dawn to dusk).
- All participants should be over the age of 18 or accompanied by an adult supervisor (i.e., scout and youth groups accompanied by adult sponsors).
- Groups are encouraged to work one day per month in the parks. If the group has collected a large amount of trash from a park or needs assistance of any kind, they are to contact the Marketing Coordinator.
- Please do not pull any weeds or flowers.
- Please report any broken or damaged equipment.
- All participants are to follow the park policies set by the Champaign Park District.
- To receive a sign, your group must complete a total of 30 hours of volunteer time.
- Have FUN in the park!