

Why should I get involved?

If a community had to itemize its natural resources, its parks, trails and nature areas would be at the top of the list. The appearance of local parks, trails and streets give a community an identity.

Litter destroys the natural aesthetics of any city, no matter how beautiful the parks. It is also very expensive to hire resources for litter pick up.

Although the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Street or Flower Program focuses on picking up litter and grounds maintenance, the city also seeks assistance in identifying safety hazards and other associated issues.

Each year volunteers collect thousands of pounds of trash and save hundreds of staff hours in the park division because of their efforts. With your help, maintenance crews can devote more time and effort to other important park projects.



ADOPTION OPTIONS

Parks

Brooklyn Center prides itself on its 523 acres of parks and nature centers, each with its own personality. The Adopt-A-Park program has 26 parks designated as possible sites to be adopted.

Trails

With a 20.8 mile trail system extending to all neighboring communities, residents can walk or bicycle almost anywhere in minutes. Six trails are currently in the Adopt-A-Trail program:

- 69th Ave (Blvd. to Hwy 252)
- Twin Lake (Co.Rd.10 to Twin Lk Pk)
- Lilac Drive
- Shingle Creek North and South
- Palmer Lake
- Lyndale Trailway

Streets

The City maintains 105 miles of streets, all of which are designated as part of the Adopt-A-Street program.

Flower Gardens

The City has 5 flower gardens designated as adoptable sites.



Adopt-A-Park/ Trail/ Street or Flower Garden Program



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What is the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/ Street or Flower Garden Program?

The Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Street or Flower Garden Program is a public service program in Brooklyn Center designed to involve volunteers through personal commitment to provide a cleaner and safer community.

This program is open to community groups, clubs, churches, schools, service organizations, neighborhood groups, scouts and individuals.

Program guidelines include:

- **Minimum** commitment of two years with a suggested frequency of providing service at least three times a year.
- **Designate** a supervisor to organize the outings, inform the program coordinator of planned clean ups and arrange for distribution of supplies.
- **Provide** trash pick up and general cleanup. Weed pulling and flower bed/shrub maintenance, flower planting, painting, or other occasional services are encouraged.

Remember . . .

To assist you in making your efforts productive and successful as well as fun and enjoyable, please remember:

- Review safety precautions and take them seriously.
- Don't overexert yourself. Allow time for breaks. Bring drinking water to the site in hot weather.
- Bring along adequate first aid supplies and be aware of local emergency services in the event of injuries.
- Notify the park division immediately if you observe anything out of the ordinary, such as vandalism or safety hazards.
- Work only during daylight hours during good weather.
- Never try to pick up heavy, large or hazardous material.
- Wear heavy gloves and proper foot gear. If cleaning streets, wear high visibility vests.



How To Get Involved

For an application form please contact the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Street or Flower Garden Program Coordinator at 763-585-7100. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will receive:

- A personalized sign in your adopted facility identifying your efforts.
- The satisfaction of providing a useful community service.

YES!!

I'd like to get involved. Please send me information on Brooklyn Center's Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Street or Flower Garden Program.

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