



# City of Red Wing Adopt-A-Park Program

Adopt a Park is a program for citizens to get involved in the Red Wing community to help aid in the maintenance and beautification of our Red Wing parks systems. It is an opportunity for individuals as well as organizations to make a contribution to the community.

The City of Red Wing is looking to combine the efforts of our community volunteer's expertise, experience, and enthusiasm to supplement the work of the city staff. The City of Red Wing also hopes this will help citizens become better connected to their community as well as show their own sense of pride in their neighborhood parks.

Adopting a park doesn't have to be just about work. Your group could plan a picnic or outdoor games to get to know one another too!



- A group of citizens or an organization agrees to adopt a particular park that may or may not be in their neighborhood.
- This particular group then discusses the opportunity with City staff in order to understand the responsibilities and limitations on adopting a park.
- The frequency of cleanup can be once during the spring, once during the summer and once during the fall for larger organizations/Parks or weekly/biweekly for neighborhood parks.

## THE CITY OF RED WING WILL PROVIDE:

- Approval of the size and scope of any 'projects' to be undertaken by the volunteer group.
- Disposing of garbage and brush collected by volunteers for any park 'clean up' days (larger project days for big groups).
- Trash bags for the park 'clean up' days and safety information.
- Safety equipment necessary for completion of the project events.
- Posting recognition on the City's website.
- The City will not be responsible for watering of any additional plantings.

\*\*For a 3 year commitment, the City of Red Wing will post a recognition sign for your group or organization in the designated park.



## THE VOLUNTEERS / VOLUNTEER GROUP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Providing supervision of individuals to maintain their designated area.
- Reporting signs of vandalism or broken equipment to the Street and Parks Division (Public Works Dept.). <http://www.red-wing.org/yourgov.html> **YourGov** (New smart phone App for reporting any RW Community issues or concerns)
- Contacting the Streets and Parks Division (Public Works Dept.) at least one week in advance to schedule a clean-up date for any larger 'clean up' days or events.
- Contacting the Volunteer Coordinator with any larger projects the group desires to complete as well as equipment and supplies needed.
- Receiving approval from the Public Works Department before undertaking a project involving the beautification or unusual maintenance of any park.
- Coordinating with the City of Red Wing if the group desires to do any planting.
- Watering and weeding plantings as needed.
- Disposing of any garbage or brush collected on regular clean up days. (Call Public works for pickup if larger items need removal or <http://www.red-wing.org/yourgov.html>)
- Returning borrowed and unused supplies and equipment to the Public Works Facility at 229 Tyler Road North 651-385-3674

## PARKS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:



### Neighborhood Parks:

- Bevans Circle / Pine Ridge-
- Birchwood-
- Bluffview-
- Briarwood-
- Cannonview-
- Featherstone-
- Hi Park-
- Martha Lane-
- Roosevelt-
- Sandy Lane-
- Siewert Street-
- Spring Creek-
- Sunny Meadow-
- Sun Valley-
- Woodland-
- Gadiant-
- Other areas as agreed upon i.e.:  
City Welcome signs



**Larger Parks/Gardens/Areas – (Possible Community Organization-Large Group Adoption):**

- Colvill
  - Jordan Court
  - Levee
  - Memorial
  - LaGrange Parking Ramp
  - Seminary Plaza Parking Ramp
  - YMCA
  - Burnside Cemetery
  - Cornerstone Community Center
  - Oakwood Cemetery
  - Historical Society
  - Pump Station # 6-Hennings & Pioneer
  - Red Wing Airport
- MISC:**
- Highway 61
  - American Flag (Holidays)
  - Incinerator (grounds cleaning)
  - Hanging Flower pot (Fall maintenance-water/take down)



**TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPT-A- PARK PROGRAM:**

- Litter pick up
- Raking
- Sweeping
- Weeding
- Painting
- Planting and watering flowers
- General park maintenance
- Buckthorn removal
- Mulching
- Other projects as agreed upon



### **SAFETY TIPS:**

- Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult or have signed parental consent.
- Participants should never pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials and equipment.
- Participants should be aware of extreme conditions, under which they may be working, including heat, insects, sun, and severe weather.
- Participants should wear clothing that is appropriate to the weather and work being performed.
- Sunscreen, insect repellent and work gloves are appropriate and are the participant's responsibility.
- Participants should avoid all open water.
- Groups are encouraged to carry a first-aid kit for the participants.
- Participants should know the location of the first aid kit and local emergency phone numbers.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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*Volunteer!*